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move to Leeds and
tells why the time
may be right for a
move to the
Continent.

WHY I'D

**My skills would be
abroad, says**

**LEEDS unhappy £1m
winger Peter Barnes told
this week why he would
quit England.**

The England international,
who's played just 14 League
games since his close season
move from West Brom, admitted:
"It would not bother me if I left
English football.

"There's more emphasis on skill
abroad. If a player has ability he's
encouraged to use it.

"Over here a winger is expected
to undertake more defensive
duties. It's something I'll have to
get used to if I stay in the game
here.

"There is a possibility that I
could go Continental. If the offer
came up I'd have to consider it
very carefully," said the
24-year-old.

"In fact it might do me good to
play in Europe for two or three
years. It would widen my outlook
and I'd return home refreshed.

"I'm not really disillusioned with
football here, but it does sadden
me that teams are more concerned
with picking up points than
entertaining the crowds.

"The game is stopping
individuals playing. The system
now is all about cancelling the
opposition out.

"I'm not the best defender in the
world. My strength is attacking
people and I believe my skills
would be more appreciated on the
continent.

"A winger needs to be in a good
side. It's difficult to impress when
you are in a struggling team.

"When you've taken away the
top five teams from the First
Division you're left with a lot of
mediocre sides. Part of the reason
for that is the way they play."

Crack Italian club Juventus, who
have former Arsenal star Liam
Brady on their books, were
interested in signing Peter three
years ago.

**"The move to
Leeds has been a
waste of time for
me."**

"I was only just 21 at the time
and single. I didn't fancy going out
there by myself. Now I've been
married for two years and the time
could be right."

Peter, who started his career at
Maine Road, has already had one
transfer request rejected by Leeds
boss Allan Clarke this season.

"The boss told me that he did
not want to lose quality players,
but if a good offer came in I don't
think he'd stand in my way.

"The move to Leeds has been a
waste of time for me because I'm
not getting first team football and
that's vital to me — especially in
World Cup year."

Things started going wrong for
the gifted winger after a string of
poor results at the beginning of
the season saw the once mighty
Yorkshire club floundering near
the bottom of the First Division.

"We weren't doing too well so
the manager changed his style of
play from 4-3-3 to a more
defensive 4-4-2 and that just
doesn't suit my style.

"I need a big striker up front who
can finish off my crosses, but at
the moment there isn't anyone
who can do that at Elland Road.

"Funnily enough I wasn't too
unhappy with my form before I
was dropped. I didn't think I was
playing badly.



Leeds manager Alan Clarke —
dropped his record signing Peter
Barnes as he changed team tactics
to stop the club's decline.

"When I joined the club I was
sure I had made the right move.
The manager convinced me that
he was ambitious and he told me
he was determined to bring back
the glory days to Leeds.

"He also said he was looking for
a quality striker to help me up
front. I know he's tried to sign one
but it hasn't come off. I don't think
in the current financial situation
that the club have the resources."

Peter's banishment to the

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**STORY BY
ANTHONY HAWKSWELL**

reserves couldn't have come at a worse time with the World Cup Finals in Spain looming up on the horizon.

"I'd love to be part of Ron Greenwood's plans, but I know that I can't expect a place in his squad if I'm playing in the reserves."

Peter was bitterly disappointed to be left out of the England squad for the vital World Cup qualifier against Hungary in November.

"I'd been a squad member for all the other qualifiers and come on as substitute in the previous three games against Norway, Switzerland and Rumania.

"But I came on in the final stages of those games when we were struggling and I wasn't given much chance to show what I could do," he added.

"I've got to get the situation at Leeds sorted out soon because if it drags on it could do untold damage to my World Cup hopes.

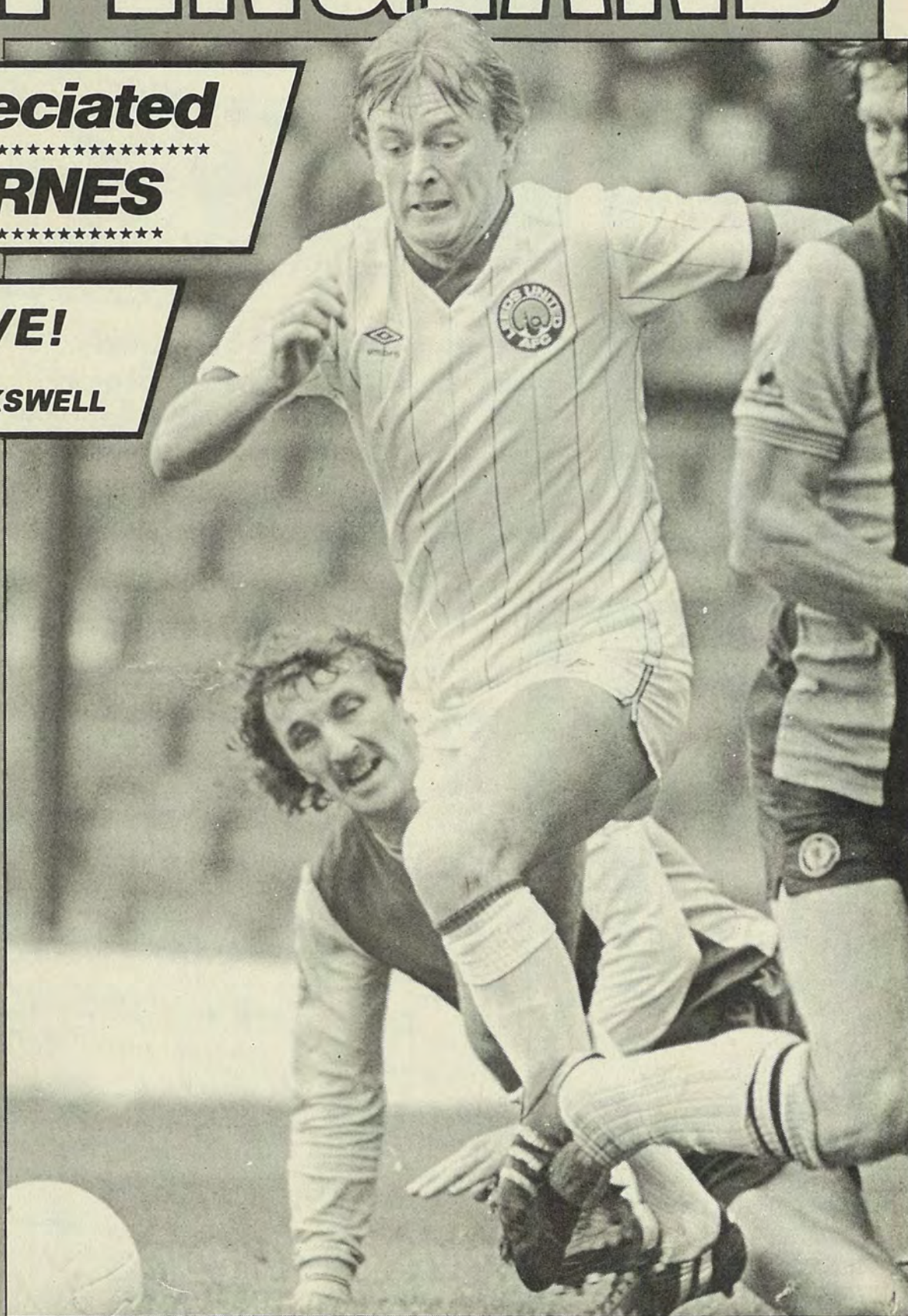
"I just don't know what the future holds. That's up to the club. Results have gone against Leeds recently so the manager could change his tactics and I could find myself back in the side."

Despite the troubles at Leeds, Peter doesn't regret his move from West Brom, who reached the Semi-Finals of the League Cup and are well placed in the FA Cup this season.

"A footballer's career is too short. You can't afford to look back and have regrets. You've got to take the rough with the smooth.

"I haven't had a bad career so far. After all I've picked up more than 20 England caps and won a League Cup winners' medal with Manchester City.

"At the time the move looked a good thing for me. I thought I was going to win things at Leeds, but so far it hasn't turned out that way."



Peter Barnes darts between Aston Villa stars Des Bremner and Ken Swain.

SAD ADDISON

"SAD, disillusioned and relieved," that was how Colin Addison summed up his feelings after being sacked as manager of Second Division Derby.

Colin had been involved in transfer talks in Wales just prior to being told of his sacking because of poor results.

He had been in charge two and a half years during which time Derby were relegated to the Second Division.

Derby finished just outside the promotion zone last season, but this term they are facing a relegation and financial battle.

And assistant John Newman's first game as caretaker manager ended in a 6-1 defeat at Watford!



Doggone! England and Manchester United trio Bryan Robson, Steve Coppell and Ray Wilkins meet up with their mascot for the World Cup Finals in Spain. The contract to make the 'larger-than-life' size 'Bulldog Bobby' mascot was awarded by the FA to Jack and Jill Edgar of Manchester and he is booked to appear at England's match against Northern Ireland at Wembley on February 23.

Forest felled!

STRUGGLING Notts County emerged from the shadows of their more illustrious neighbours Forest to win the first Nottingham League derby for 57 years.

Goals by Paul Hooks and Trevor Christie earned County a surprise 2-0 win at the City Ground to inflict Forest's fourth home defeat in five outings.

Saints alive

LOCAL boy David Puckett gave Southampton's First Division title chances a boost with his first ever goals in League football.

The 20-year-old striker, a late replacement for the injured Steve Moran, scored twice and laid on the other goal for David Armstrong in the Saints' 3-1 home defeat of Arsenal.

Go-ahead for England

DESPITE the political problems in Poland, England are planning to go ahead with their two-leg European Under-21 Championship Quarter-Final clashes with the Poles.

The first leg may be played in Warsaw on March 17 with the return in England on April 7.

Win some . . . lose some

THERE was mixed fortunes for the two Sheffield clubs in friendly matches on FA Cup Fourth Round day.

Wednesday went down 2-1 at home to manager Jack Charlton's former club Middlesbrough, while a few miles across the city, Fourth Division United were beating Birmingham 2-1.

Swans looking good

SWANSEA, favourites to retain the Welsh Cup, have been drawn at home to non-league Colwyn Bay in the Quarter-Finals. Cardiff play Wrexham, while Shrewsbury and Hereford visit Bangor and Greenfield.

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SPEEDY JOHN

ABERDEEN'S John Hewitt scored the fastest ever goal in Scottish FA Cup history in the Third Round defeat of Motherwell.

He scored the only goal of the tie in just 9.6 seconds.

Cooke goes 'home'

WEST Indian-born utility player Joe Cooke is back at Bradford City where he spent the early part of his career.

Big Joe has joined the Fourth Division side on loan from Exeter who signed him earlier this season from Oxford.

Joe, Oxford's top scorer last season, made more than 200 appearances for Bradford before starting his travels with Peterborough.

Harkouk called-up!

NOTTS County striker Rachid Harkouk is wanted for World Cup duty in Spain by tiny Algeria.

But the call from his father's homeland has a snag . . . for as soon as Rachid sets foot in the country he will be eligible for national service.

He discovered that fact when first asked to play by Algeria during the build-up for the 1978 World Cup Finals.

"They wanted me to play in a qualifying game against Tunisia when I was at Crystal Palace," says Rachid who has been out of action for most of the season following a cartilage operation.

"I was all for it until they brought up this little matter of national service.

"I would love to play for them in the World Cup Finals, but the national service bit doesn't appeal to me."

Right: Rachid Harkouk — called-up.



FLETCHER'S FITTING RETURN

PETER Fletcher's first half hat-trick in Huddersfield's 3-2 FA Cup Third Round win at Carlisle was fitting reward for the striker's painful battle to save his career. The former Manchester United, Hull and Stockport forward missed the whole of last season when a serious back injury threatened his career.

It was a shattering blow for Peter whose 18 goals helped Huddersfield win the Fourth Division championship two seasons ago.

But after a back operation and constant treatment, Peter has bounced back with a vengeance to erase the nightmare of last season.

"It all started with a lot of pain in the

back and down the leg as I prepared for the start of last season," recalls Peter. "Despite constant treatment, I was forced to have an operation and they removed a disc near the base of the spine. "After a rest, I began to train again thinking that everything would be all right, but it wasn't.

"I received further treatment from a Rugby League physiotherapist and after hard work and an early start to pre-season training I've managed to get back.

"The club have given me tremendous support by sending me to seek the best possible medical advice.

"Obviously the operation was a gamble, but the longer things went on, the more you fear about your future."

Milestone for Mills

IPSWICH skipper Mick Mills chalked up his 700th senior appearance for the club in the 3-0 FA Cup Fourth Round win over Second Division leaders Luton.

And the milestone was fittingly reached on a day when the First Division title favourites collected a club record ninth successive win.

It was a bright Ipswich performance in more ways than one with Bobby Robson's side wearing an eye-catching red change strip instead of their normal white.

Programme fair

A programme fair is being staged at the Barnet Football Club on Sunday, March 14 between 10.30am and 2.00pm, organised by Elliott Jackson Football Programmes.

Tragic break

YOUNG Kilmarnock player Albert Morrison will remember his debut for the wrong reasons.

After a two-year wait at Rugby Park for his senior chance, the youngster was carried off with a broken leg in a friendly against Rangers.

Ray of the Rovers!

FORMER Leeds and Burnley striker Ray Hankin is playing for Shamrock Rovers before returning to Vancouver Whitecaps.

He failed to get a contract with Arsenal earlier this season when there was talk of a £400,000 transfer from the North American League club.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Joslyn forced to quit

READING'S Roger Joslyn has been forced to quit soccer on medical advice.

The 31-year-old midfield player has had his career ended by osteoarthritis in his hips.

"I knew in the back of my mind that it was going to happen, but it still hits you hard," says Roger, who joined Reading from Watford for £40,000 in November 1979.

"I will miss the involvement of football for the moment, but I still feel I have a lot to offer to the game if anyone would like to give me a chance."

He has made close on 600 senior appearances in spells with Aldershot, Colchester, Watford and Reading.

Happy birthday Bob!

LIVERPOOL gave manager Bob Paisley the ideal 62nd birthday present with a comfortable 3-0 win at Sunderland in the FA Cup Fourth Round.

After such an easy ride into the last 16, he beamed: "I want to be in this job until I'm 102."

Lucky Spurs!

WHEN it comes to cup luck, FA Cup holders Tottenham and League Champions Aston Villa are poles apart.

The Fifth Round clash of the giants at White Hart Lane sees Spurs drawn at home for the 18th time in three seasons. Villa haven't had a home draw for five years.

Cassells has no equal

WHEN it comes to scoring in the cups this season, Oxford's Keith Cassells has no equal.

The former Watford striker has collected 11 goals so far in the FA and League Cups, including one in the Third Division club's shock 3-0 FA Cup Fourth Round win at Brighton.

Larry shatters Hereford dream

BIG Larry May ended Hereford players' hopes of earning a Rolls Royce apiece with his F.A. Cup Fourth Round winner for Leicester.

The Fourth Division side had been promised the cars by a local business man if they lifted the FA Cup this season.

It seemed a pretty safe bet, but Frank Lord's side gave Second Division Leicester a good run for their money.

Andy Rogers, Plymouth's recent £50,000 signing, is pictured with 'Match Weekly's' Third Division's 'Matchman of the Month' award for November.



GET GOW!

Spotlight on the transfer trail and how Rotherham manager Emlyn Hughes tried for two months to get his man. Gerry Gow talks to reporter Anthony Hawkswell.

ROTHERHAM boss Emlyn Hughes pestered Manchester City for two months before he was finally given permission to talk to midfield battler Gerry Gow.

And the former England captain's persistence eventually paid off when the 29-year-old Scot joined the Second Division strugglers after just 15 months at Maine Road.

"Emlyn had been pestering the boss, John Bond, for a couple of months before he finally relented," said Gerry.

And once the pair got together, Gerry fell under the spell of Emlyn's infectious enthusiasm and will to win.

"I was recovering from a cartilage operation when Emlyn approached me. At the time, I was only worried about getting fit and reclaiming my place in the City side.

"But I was tremendously impressed by his plans for Rotherham and his enthusiasm really got to me. Emlyn was a winner as a player and I see no reason why he shouldn't be the same as a manager."

Emlyn's ace card in his bid to lure the former Bristol City star to Millmoor was an offer of a coaching job within two years.

"I've still got a few years left in me as a player, but it's important I look to the future. I want to go into management when I retire and this offer is an ideal stepping stone."

Gerry's first job is to stop newly-promoted Rotherham from dropping straight back into the Third Division.

"Emlyn tells me the team have been playing well, but have left themselves vulnerable

at the back when they go forward. It will be my job to make sure players only join the attack when it's safe.

"I've got no worries about dropping into the Second Division. I was in the same position when I joined Bristol City and we made it to the top flight.

"It's going to be hard work, but I'm looking forward to the new challenge."

As Emlyn Hughes' first signing, £80,000 Gerry knows that he must make a good impression on the fans in his first few matches.

"There's a lot of pressure on me as Emlyn's first buy. If I'm successful, the chairman will have no second thoughts about giving him money for players in the future."

Gerry admits that it was a wrench to leave Maine Road. He says: "I expected to stay there longer than I did. When I joined them, I signed a three-and-a-half-year contract.

"But in just over a year, I enjoyed more success than I'd ever done before in my career.

"We reached the FA Cup Final and finished 12th in the First Division. When I joined the club, we were struggling to avoid relegation.

"The FA Cup Final at Wembley was the highlight of the season for me. We might have lost, but it was still an enjoyable experience for us.

"Even though Rotherham's facilities can't compete with Manchester City's, they are much better than I was used to at Bristol.

"The training facilities are very good and they're an ambitious outfit. I'm looking forward to helping them gain some success."

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Gerry Gow — "I'm looking forward to the challenge."



FA CUP TRAIL

CONTINUING our fascinating series on the 'Road to Wembley' with our newly-adopted team Norwich City.

We are now following the Second Division club on the FA Cup trail after their Fourth Round home defeat of Doncaster.

So after tiny Penrith, and then Billy Bremner's Doncaster, we now follow the fortunes of Norwich on their

Fifth Round visit to West Brom.

They have already accounted for one Midlands, First Division club in Stoke City, so can the 'Canaries' out-sing the 'Throstles' at The Hawthorns this Saturday?

We assess their chances of reaching the Quarter-Finals through former West Brom striker John Deehan, Norwich's recent £175,000 capture.

ALL THE WAY TO WEMBLEY

THERE will be no love lost when Norwich striker John Deehan is reunited with his former West Brom team mates in Saturday's FA Cup Fifth Round clash at The Hawthorns.

The £175,000 forward, an Albion player just a few weeks ago, is desperately keen to prove to the First Division club's fans that he is no flop.

He scored only five goals in more than 40 appearances, scattered over a three-year spell at Albion and, on his own admission, didn't do himself any real justice.

But 'Dixie' is now looking forward to the chance of proving a point or two.

"I never imagined that fate would take me back to Albion so quickly after my transfer," he says.

"It gives me the chance to go back to The Hawthorns and show the fans that I can play.

"I want to do well against Albion even though I never received a raw deal from the fans.

"But I'm not anticipating a friendly reunion from the likes of John Wile and Ally Robertson.

"I'm sure Ally will have a few 'welcome back' presents for me in the first five or ten minutes. Seriously though, Ally is a very good mate of mine."

John doesn't believe Second Division Norwich could have landed a much tougher draw than a visit to Albion — one of the form

'I'M NO FLOP'

teams in the country following a depressing start to the season.

"Since Gerry Summers joined manager Ronnie Allen as coach, they have become well organised and Dutchman Martin Jol has made a big difference in midfield.

"His defensive qualities in front of the central defenders enables full-backs Derek Statham and Brendon Batson to get forward at every opportunity.

In trouble

"And if we allow the likes of Statham and big Cyrille Regis to run at us, then we'll be in trouble."

John, who hopes to be back in the First Division with Norwich next season, feels their best chance of success could be down the flanks.

"Mark Barham and David Bennett are both very skilful wide players. And we will be looking to them to exploit the space left by the attacking full-backs."

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NORWICH'S FA CUP RECORD

Third Round — Stoke (away) 1-0

— Jack.

Fourth Round — Doncaster (home) 2-1 — Jack, Watson.



Mark Barham — poses a threat to West Brom down the flank.



John Deehan — "I'm not anticipating a friendly reunion with the likes of John Wile and Ally Robertson."



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'Match' aids Coventry kids!

'MATCH Weekly' helped the 'kids' of Coventry earn a Fifth Round tie against FA Cup giantkillers Oxford.

Dave Sexton's boys were spurred on to a shock 3-1 win over last season's runners-up Manchester City by taunting comments in the press.

Pinned to the Coventry notice board were quotes from former 'Sky Blue' Tommy Hutchison — featured in Match — who predicted his old team wouldn't be relishing a trip to Maine Road.

"Some of their comments had us really wound up," admitted Coventry striker Mark Hateley: "We were determined to make them eat their words."

Mark set up the first goal for midfield man Steve Hunt after just two minutes and then added the second himself just 20 minutes later.

And now Coventry find themselves in the unusual role of

favourites as they take on the Third Division side at Highfield Road.

"After beating Brighton 3-0 they'll be full of confidence so we'll have to be on our guard," said Mark: "The important thing to us though is that we've been drawn at home."

"The way the Cup has gone this year we must fancy our chances of going a lot further. Teams that can score goals go the furthest and we've always been able to hit the net."

And Mark believes that Coventry's exploits in last season's League Cup — when they reached the last four — will help them in the FA Cup this year.

"We gained a lot of experience from that run and I'm sure it will stand us in good stead."

"None of us had been in that position before and we didn't know what to expect. It will be much different this time round if



Mark Hateley — "We must fancy our chances because we've always been able to hit the net."

we progress that far," added Mark.

The young striker is currently battling to establish himself in the Coventry front line ahead of highly rated England Under-21 international Garry Thompson and Tom English.

"I'm playing better now than I have for a couple of years. I've started to get my confidence back and the goals have been going in."

Nightmare memories ...but Burley's not worried

IPSWICH full-back George Burley could hardly believe his ears when he learned of a Cup trip to Shrewsbury for the second successive season.

For it immediately revived nightmare memories of that fateful day at Gay Meadow last January when the career of the talented Scot almost came to grief.

So serious was the knee injury sustained in the goalless Fourth Round tie, that George has only just returned to action after almost a year's absence.

For months there were agonising fears that the injury might curtail the career of one of the country's top full backs.

But George has bounced back and returns to the scene 13 months on, ready to prove that he's back to his best form.

"It was obviously a bit of a long shot to draw Shrewsbury two seasons in a row, but I'm not going to let it worry me," says George who hope to climax his recovery by regaining a place in Scotland's World Cup squad.

"The injury last season was just one of those things, so once the match starts I don't think I shall have anything on my mind apart from winning."

"Obviously the draw revived those unhappy moments, but from the team point of view it's a good draw."

Ipswich went on to win the replay 3-0 at Portman Road, but George remembers before his injury that Shrewsbury posed plenty of problems.

"It was a typical cup-tie but we didn't play particularly well on the day and created few chances," recalls George.

"But if we can hit top form and concentrate on playing well then we should cope with any problems."

"I can remember that Shrewsbury are a hard working side without any real stars, and they will be keyed up to do well in front of a packed house."

After a frustrating end to last season when he had to sit out Ipswich's treble bid, George is relieved to be involved this time.

"We've hit a good patch at the moment and it would top my comeback if we could get to Wembley."

"Everything has gone well for me since I returned to the team and I feel that I'm playing as well as I was before the injury occurred."

Tough for giant killers Watford

LEICESTER could provide Watford with a tougher FA Cup task than both Manchester United and West Ham!

Graham Taylor's Cup fighters have to travel to Filbert Street and their experienced Northern Ireland international Gerry Armstrong believes it could be the toughest of the lot.

"We've really got some work to do against Leicester," admitted Gerry, who scored one of the goals which shot West Ham out of the competition in the last round.

"Home advantage plays a big part in the Cup and there's no doubt it helped us against the First Division clubs."

"We drew 1-1 with Leicester a couple of weeks ago so we know what to expect. But we won't be treating this game any differently to any of the others."

Despite all the Cup euphoria Gerry isn't getting carried away with his team's success.

"To be honest the most important thing to me is getting back to the First Division. Promotion is the priority at Vicarage Road. 'The Cup is just icing on the cake.'"

Gerry believes that his team's 2-0 win over West Ham was Watford's best performance of the season — even better than when they booted out Manchester United.

"Our trouble this season is that we've played well in patches and then gone off the boil in a game. Against West Ham we played consistently well for the whole 90 minutes."

Incredibly, Second Division promotion chasers Watford were many people's favourites to beat 'Hammers' at Vicarage Road. Such is their reputation at home.

"We are a very difficult team to play against — especially at home," added Gerry: "Our non-stop style of play doesn't give the opposition a second to dwell on the ball."

"Our lads are so enthusiastic and keen to play that they don't care who the opposition is."

Watford's success in the Cup has brought an unexpected problem for the team. Gerry explained: "Teams coming here for League games are raising their game against us. They're keen to beat us now."

FA Cup Fifth Round preview — the stars look ahead to the top ties



GRIMSBY beware . . . Queen's Park Rangers striker Clive Allen feels he has found the goal touch in time to sink the Mariners and keep the Londoners on course for Wembley.

His four-goal blast against Blackpool in the last round — his first goals in the FA Cup — doubled his tally for the season in what has been a disappointing return to Loftus Road for the costly youngster.

Since leaving Rangers nearly two years ago as the country's leading scorer, he has been involved in an abortive £1 million move to Arsenal and then a £1 million deal with Crystal Palace where he failed to live up to his goalscoring reputation.

Rangers paid £475,000 at the beginning of the season to bring him back 'home', but until the one-man destruction of Blackpool, goals have been hard to come by.

However, Clive feels that Fourth Round replay victory might be the turning point of the season.

"It's true that I have had a disappointing return to Rangers in terms of goals," says Clive.

"But I think it's all about confidence and those four goals

Allen's

four

goal

warning

against Blackpool might have done the trick.

"I missed a chance early on and I thought it was going to be one of those nights, particularly as I had never scored in the FA Cup.

"But after scoring the first goal, I gradually felt my confidence returning and I hope I can collect a few more goals in the second half of the season.

"I would probably be more disappointed if we weren't winning and I wasn't getting the chances.

"But we are still in the promotion hunt and I'm getting plenty of chances. It was just a matter of time before I started putting them away."

Rangers' main priority is to return to the First Division, but with so many top clubs out of the Cup, Clive realises that there is the opportunity for a Second Division team to reach Wembley.

"We had the incentive in the replay against Blackpool of a home tie with Grimsby for a place in the last eight.

"We lost at Grimsby earlier in the season, but we have home advantage and they are currently battling against relegation.

"We must have a great chance of progressing to the next round.

"Our involvement in the Cup is simply a bonus for us, but a nice one at that."



Gerry Armstrong — "We've really got some work to do against Leicester."

PAUL WALSH CHARLTON



FULL NAME: Paul Anthony Walsh.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Plumstead, London/Oct. 1, 1962.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 8ins./10st. 5lb.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Honda Accord 1600.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Walshie'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Knee ligaments — Oct. 1980.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Ipswich Town's Arnold Muhren. He has great skills and vision.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: West Ham.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Argentina's Diego Maradona — he's got everything.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Swain, Charlton J., Moore, Sansom, Ball, Charlton R. (all England), Brady (Eire), Law (Scotland), Greaves (England), Best (N. Ireland).

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore, Wilson (England), Di Stefano (Spain), Rivelino (Brazil), Best, Pele (Brazil), Law, Greaves.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:

Chelsea's Stamford Bridge.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: I'm still waiting for the opportunity!

BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Chelsea this season.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: George Best's for San Jose Earthquakes on television a couple of months ago.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them!

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Brentford last season when I scored a hat-trick.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing well and scoring for England youth against Northern Ireland.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated to the Third Division with Charlton in 1979-80.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and golf.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Having a laugh and winning.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Being injured and long coach journeys.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Benson and Fawlty Towers.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm.

FAVOURITE READING: Sports magazines.

FAVOURITE POP STAR: George Benson.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland.

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Clint Eastwood.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Long Good Friday.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: England youth manager John Cartwright.

WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Bad injuries and people who cause them.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Chicken.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Ten England youth caps.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To have security.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England and play in the First Division.

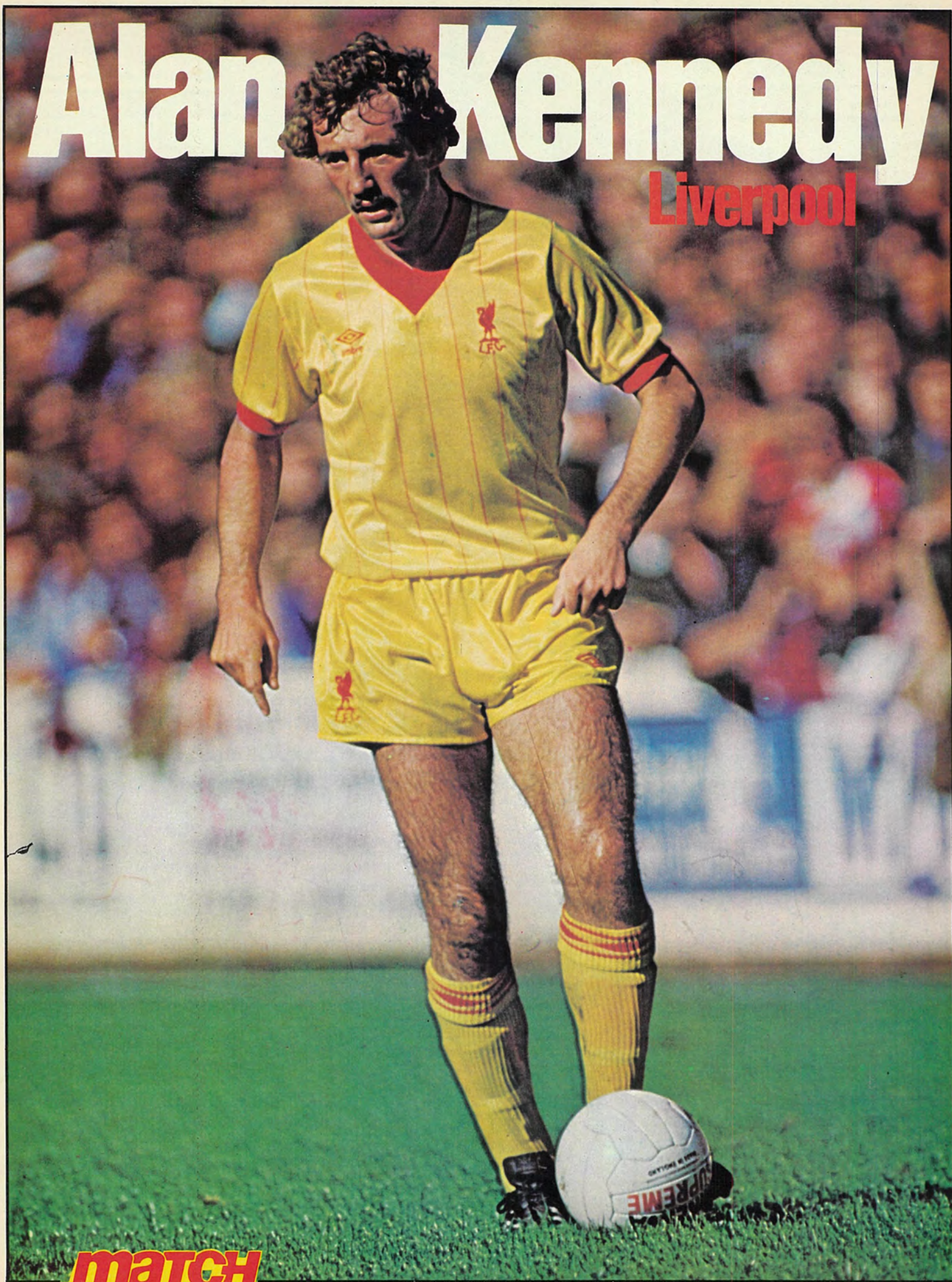
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Too early to say yet — hopefully retirement!

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and listen to all advice — but make your own decisions.

Paul Walsh

Alan Kennedy

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The Spurs and England midfield magician looks ahead to the clash with Aston Villa in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup... and names his last eight! Don't miss his regular column — it's exclusive to Match.

AS soon as the draw for Saturday's FA Cup Fifth Round was made, the 'lucky Spurs' cry went up again.

But the game still has to be won... look at Brighton in the last round!

Of course it is nice to be drawn at White Hart Lane again and although Aston Villa beat us 3-1 in the League at our place this season we would sooner be playing them rather than a team like Oxford.

At least we know what we have to do against Villa. Had we drawn a lesser side, all the pressure would have been on us.

We are not worried that the League Champions have beaten us once this season.

If I remember correctly, we had about six regular first team players out that day and without trying to make excuses for our defeat, the fact that we weren't at full strength obviously played a part.

Hopefully, this time we'll have no such injury problems.

Although they have enjoyed two good cup runs — also reaching the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup — Villa haven't been playing particularly well this season.

At times they have looked like getting back in their stride — when they walked all over Notts County

I'm a 13-year-old Liverpool supporter and would like a West German pen pal who supports Bayern Munich. My other interests include rugby and cricket. David Brewis, 36 Custley Hey, Cantil Farm, Liverpool 28.

LIVERPOOL and Scottish Premier Division champions Celtic are my favourite teams. I'd like a pen pal of my own age who also likes pop music. John Crone (12), 69 Oswald Avenue, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

ASTON VILLA striker Gary Shaw is my hero and I love English football. Ojvind Leth, Houmannsvej 9, 9480 Lokken, Denmark.

I'd like a girl penfriend from anywhere in the world who supports Manchester City. Jason Chapman (14), 56 Monholme Road, Battersea, London SW11 6HY.

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I'd like a pen pal who lives in Scotland and supports Morton. My favourite team is Leicester City. Daniel Pedley (8), 85 Coombe Rise, Oadby, Leicester.

I'm a 16-year-old Manchester United fanatic and would like a male pen pal of my own age. Joanna Clarke, 294 Atawhia Drive, Nelson, New Zealand.

PLAYING darts and listening to Blondie, Emerson Lake and Palmer and Jasper Carrott are my other interests as well as football. I'd like a female pen pal of my own age. Timothy Noyce (19), 3 Beaconsfield Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

FOURTH Division Sheffield United are my favourite team. I'd like a pen pal who supports any English club and is my age. Patrick Mallett (17), 44 Huntly Drive, Tanshall, Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland.

IF you would like a pen friend, write to PEN PALS, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.



Pen pals

GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

LUCKY SPURS!

That's the cry as we're drawn at home again

to beat them 6-0 away in the FA Cup.

But they recently took a bit of a thrashing themselves when they were beaten 3-0 at home by Liverpool in the League.

That illustrates what kind of up and down season they are having.

But the Cup is a one-off affair and it all depends which team gets it together on the day.

Obviously Gary Shaw, if he plays, and his striking partner Peter Withe pose a threat, but I believe the real battle will be in midfield. That's where the game could be won or lost.

For the fans' sakes, I hope it's a better game than our Cup-tie against Leeds in the last round — that match was a bit scrappy.

Leeds came down here for the draw and nearly got it. It looked as though we were on our way up to Elland Road for a replay, but thankfully Garth Crooks popped up to fire home the match-winner at just the right time.

Garth has come up with a few vital goals just recently. He's right back on form and full of confidence again.

Overall I'm sure winning the FA Cup last year has helped our team in this season's campaign.

Despite being the holders, we've been much more relaxed before our matches. Wembley and the FA Cup Final no longer seems the impossible dream it used to be because we've been there... and won it!

Before, it all seemed that much tougher. You are so desperate to win and you look ahead to all the rounds you've got to get through and wonder how the heck you will manage it.

Of course, Aston Villa and ourselves are not the only teams in Cup action on Saturday. There are seven other ties and Match Weekly has asked me to name my last eight... so here goes!

Coventry v Oxford: I think Coventry will go through but they must guard against complacency. They will need to be bubbling rather than over-confident.

Chelsea v Liverpool: Chelsea knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup in 1978 when they beat them 4-2 at Stamford Bridge and I think Liverpool would sooner have been facing Wrexham. I fancy Chelsea to do well, but I have to go for a draw, with Liverpool winning the replay.

Crystal Palace v Orient: Orient to go through after a replay although if they perform on the day, they could win it outright.

Leicester v Watford: Difficult this one. A lot of people feel this may be Watford's toughest test, but I can't see them falling down. Another draw, with Watford winning the replay.

Queen's Park Rangers v Grimsby: I have to go for Rangers in this one — especially with the advantage of their pitch.

Shrewsbury v Ipswich: Shrewsbury held Ipswich to a draw on their own ground in last season's competition and I think they can do it again... but I fancy Ipswich to go through after a replay.

West Brom v Norwich: I have to go for our League Cup Semi-Final opponents West Brom to win this one outright.

So my last eight is: Coventry, Liverpool, Orient, Watford, Q.P.R., Ipswich, Spurs and West Brom.

If we do get through and I had to pick one team we'd like to avoid, it would have to be Liverpool on their current form. It would suit me if we didn't meet until the Final!

See you in a fortnight's time when I'll give you my thoughts on our League Cup Semi-Final with West Brom.

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.

Garth Crooks fires home Spurs' winner against Leeds in the last round of the FA Cup at White Hart Lane. He's popped up with a few vital goals this season.



Aston Villa skipper and midfielder Dennis Mortimer. He scored one of the goals when Villa beat us 3-1 earlier this season and I believe Saturday's battle will be won in midfield.

Glenn Hoddle

CUP FEVER HITS NEW PLAYERS



Emergency Services

With all the hundreds of fans expected at the matches around the country, it seems that, at times, crowd barriers alone just won't be enough. So players and spectators alike will be pleased to know that POLICEMEN will be available to help contain the crowds.

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Serious preparations are getting underway for the 1982 World Cup. During the Christmas holidays promising new players have been training up. While old favourites have been adding some nifty new moves and equipment to their game. Says 12-year-old Bob Noble, "This is really going to be a year to remember."

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No6 TOM SLOAN

EIRE striker Frank Stapleton has all the trappings of success as the goalscoring hero of Manchester United, but this summer he'll be green with envy over a club-mate who's wallowing in the reserves.

Young midfielder Tom Sloan admits he's got no chance of making the United first team and yet, at the end of the season, he could be rubbing shoulders with the world's best players in the game's most important tournament.

The 23-year-old Northern Ireland international admits: "It's an unbelievable situation. Central League football and international duty are worlds apart and yet I could be making that switch."

Tom has been a member of the Northern Ireland squad ever since he made his debut against Scotland in 1979, but his international appearances have been restricted to just three.

And he believes that's due to the fact that he's not playing in a first team. That's why he's determined to leave Old Trafford.

"United have the strongest midfield in the country and there's no way I'm ever going to get a place in it," he says honestly.

Our Target Spain spotlight this week switches to the Northern Ireland camp . . . and the First Division reserve with his sights set on playing against the best in the world this summer.

"That's why it's important I move. My international chances are being hampered because I'm not getting regular first team football," added Tom, who's made just 11 League appearances in over three years at Old Trafford.

"I've been to see manager Ron Atkinson and although he hasn't put me on the transfer list, he's agreed to get in touch with a number of clubs. Nothing has come of it so far."

SEARCH

Tom isn't setting his sights too high in his search for a new club. He says: "I'd consider going to a good Third Division team or an average Second Division side."

"Players from those divisions are getting preference over me because they're playing regularly in the Football League."

"The time has come for me to think about myself even if I have to leave the best club in the country."

"I've enjoyed my spell at United. They are a great club and everyone is very friendly, but there's just no incentive for me playing in the reserves."

"It's very difficult to raise your game in the reserves when you're playing in front of just a couple of hundred people. It's not doing my World Cup hopes any good at all."

Whatever the outcome of Tom's transfer request, he looks set to be leaving the club within the next six months as his contract ends in the summer.

"If no League clubs come in for me, I'll consider going back to Ireland and playing," he added.

"Going to Spain is a chance of a lifetime and I'm keen to do anything that will help me get there."



"Just to be part of the Northern Ireland set-up would be fantastic. It would certainly be something to tell my grandchildren about."

CHANGE

"It's a big adjustment to make from reserve team football to international duty. You don't lack fitness. It's the change in atmosphere you notice most."

"You have to be on your toes all the time because you're up against top class players and concentration is essential."

"But it's great to be involved in international football after playing reserve stuff for so long."

CENTRAL LEAGUE CINDERELLA!

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Sammy McIlroy, Tom Sloan's Northern Ireland team-mate. Midfield players of Sammy's calibre give Tom no chance of a first team place at Old Trafford.



Manchester United reserve Tom Sloan looks set to be a member of Northern Ireland's World Cup squad, but he believes he must leave Old Trafford to boost his chances of playing in Spain.



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HONOURS: Division Three, best season: fourth, 1977-78; Division Four Champions, 1960-61, 1973-74; FA Cup, best season: Sixth Round, 1965; League Cup, best season: Semi-Final, 1966.
RECORD VICTORY: 8-1 v Oldham, Division Four, November 26, 1969.
RECORD DEFEAT: 1-8 v Northampton, FA Cup, Second Round (second replay), 1946-47.
MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 66, Division Four, 1960-61.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 134, Division Four, 1960-61.
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Terry Bly, 52, Division Four, 1960-61.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN TOTAL AGGREGATE: Jim Hall, 120, 1967-75.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Ollie Conmy (5), Eire.
MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Tommy Robson, 482, 1968-81.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £110,000 from Blackpool for Bob Doyle, July 1979.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £60,000 to West Ham for Bill Green, July 1978.
MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: Jimmy Hagan, Jack Fairbrother, Gordon Clark, Norman Rigby, Jim Iley, Noel Cantwell, John Barnwell, Billy Hails, Peter Morris (current).
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PICTURE POSER

ENGLAND players celebrate a goal during the game against Argentina back in May 1980.
How many of the players in the picture can you identify?

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

SEE how many of the following questions you can answer. If you get between 8-10 correct consider yourself an expert; 6-8 good; 4-6 average; 0-4 keep reading Match Weekly!

- 1 From which club did Francois Van der Elst join West Ham?
- 2 Which Scottish Premier Division club plays at Firhill Park?
- 3 With which club did Keith Bertschin begin his career?
- 4 Which team are nicknamed the Cottagers?
- 5 Which team won the FA Cup in 1969 — West Brom, Leeds or Manchester City?
- 6 How much did Ian Bowyer cost when Nottingham Forest bought him back from Sunderland?
- 7 Who was voted European Footballer of the Year in 1980?
- 8 Which team plays at Dean Court?
- 9 Who was Spurs' top scorer last season?
- 10 Which player scored a hat-trick when Aston Villa knocked Notts County out of the FA Cup?



CREST QUIZ

CAN you identify these three clubs from their crests?

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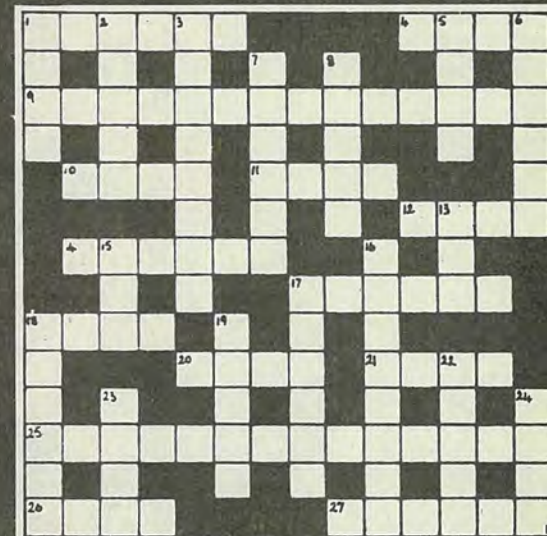
1. Standing in a permissible position (6)
4. The number usually worn by . . . (4)
9. . . . this midfielder who went from West Ham to Birmingham in 1979 (4,10)
10. Find the famous former world star in the Kop eleven (4)
11. This Park has a Stoke address (4)
12. Players often address their manager by this name (4)
14. This popular old winger of Manchester United and Fulham (and manager of Mansfield and Newcastle) had something to keep his hand warm! (6)
17. One of the non-qualifying countries in Scotland's and Northern Ireland's World Cup group (6)
18. The regal nickname given to the player in 10 across (4)
20. — Green managed Torquay before Frank O'Farrell's third turn there (4)
21. The first name of

Liverpool's match-winning scorer in the 1981 European Cup final (4)

25. 'Hit Pleat's trick' (anagram) — a famous Scottish big city side (7,7)
26. The keeper can — outside the penalty-area but, of course, he mustn't then handle the ball (4)
27. The name of Wann (6)

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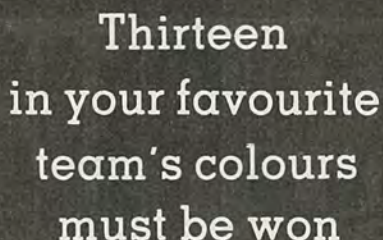
1. This famous cricket ground staged the first-ever FA Cup final (4)
2. Good players always manage to find some (5)
3. 'Thy credo' (anagram) — a manager often in the news (8)
5. Hillsborough fly-by-nights? (4)
6. The regal nickname of Reading (6)
7. Davie — joined Celtic from Kilmarnock in 1978 (6)
8. He has captained England and recently he played his 700th match for his club (5)



13. Spurs first won the Football League Cup in nineteen seventy — (3)
15. The first name of manager Greaves (3)
16. The referee will do this to offenders (8)
17. What shirts are bound to be after ninety minutes! (6)
18. Argentina's hot-shot hero in the

- 1978 World Cup finals (6)
19. Some clubs have a special one to practise on (5)
22. A soccer suburb of Birmingham (5)
23. A — kick may, in the end, prove to be very expensive! (4)
24. The clubs with this nickname reveal what colour they play in (4)

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: 1. New York Cosmos; 2. £35,000; 3. Kevin Williams; 5. Manchester City; 6. Steve Archibald; 7. 4; 8. Gaddie.

PLAYER JUMBLE: Gary Hemson (Leeds).

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Ian Willshire, Bath Avon.



DON Howe and Terry Neill were having an argument in the Arsenal dug-out.
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"Don't be silly," said Howe. "Next you'll be saying Whyte is black."
"But he is!" said Neill.
Lee Bannister, Grays, Essex.



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A player must figure in three League matches during the month to qualify, and that's why we haven't made an award in the Scottish Premier Division this time.

Because of the cold snap and the ensuing Cup backlog of matches, only three clubs managed to fulfil the statutory number of games.

Each of the four winners from the English League will receive an inscribed plaque.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

LIVERPOOL'S Ian Rush, fast emerging as a top grade striker after waiting in the Anfield wings for his chance, is Match Weekly's First Division 'Matchman of the Month' for January.

The Welsh international had an impressive average mark of 8.00 along with Liverpool team mates Ronnie Whelan, new skipper Graeme Souness and Notts County's Yugoslavian goalkeeper Raddy Avramovic.

But in view of his seven goals during the month, including a hat-trick against award rival Avramovic, it was decided that he should receive the plaque.

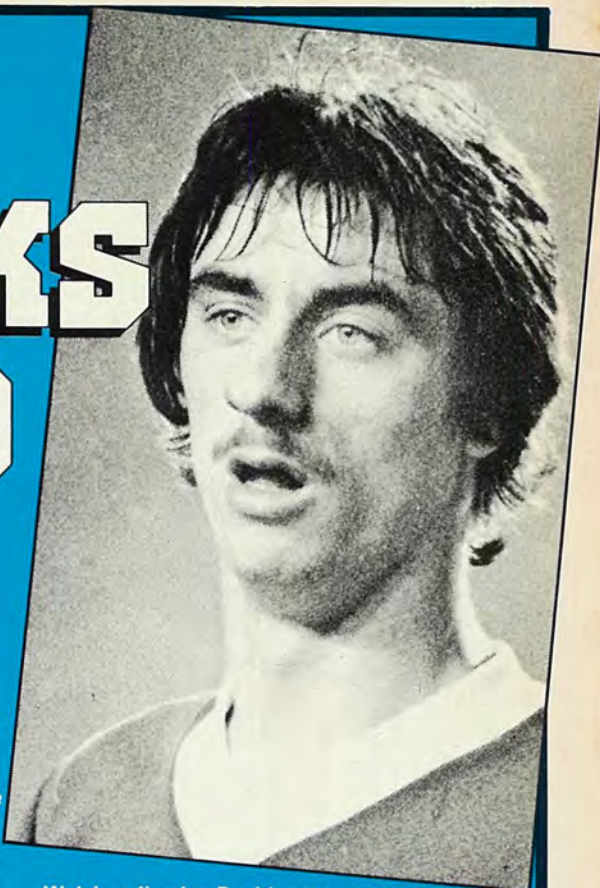
The re-emergence of Liverpool as title contenders after an indifferent opening half, is reflected by the number of Anfield men in the top bracket.

No fewer than five players from the European Champions figure in the leading seven, with only Stoke's Peter Fox assisting Avramovic to stem the red tide.

But it's young Ian Rush who will be receiving the award.

His profitable partnership with Kenny Dalglish has played a major part in Liverpool's revival and has also made him one of the country's top strikers.

IAN SPARKS A RED RUSH



Welsh striker Ian Rush's emergence at Liverpool has earned him the Division One award for January.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

DIVISION ONE

Player	Games	Ave
Ian Rush (Liverpool)	4	8.00
Raddy Avramovic (Notts County)	4	8.00
Ronnie Whelan (Liverpool)	4	8.00
Graeme Souness (Liverpool)	4	8.00
Peter Fox (Stoke)	4	7.75
Terry McDermott (Liverpool)	4	7.75
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	4	7.75
Steve Hunt (Coventry)	3	7.66
John Hollins (Arsenal)	4	7.50
Phil Parkes (West Ham)	4	7.50

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Leroy makes a name for himself...

LEROY Ambrose, Charlton's little-known midfield player, is beginning to make a big name for himself in the Second Division.

He has proved to be the top player in the division in January with an average mark of 7.75, putting him clear of Rotherham goalkeeper Bob Mountford.

DIVISION TWO

Player	Games	Ave
Leroy Ambrose (Charlton)	4	7.75
Bob Mountford (Rotherham)	3	7.66
Kenny Clements (Oldham)	4	7.50
Tommy Taylor (Orient)	4	7.50
Steve Terry (Watford)	4	7.50
Keith Osgood (Orient)	4	7.50
Kevin Godfrey (Orient)	4	7.50

BILLY'S THE KID

FOR the second time this season, a Burnley forward has lifted the Division Three monthly honour.

Following in the footsteps of young Trevor Steven is Burnley's Northern Ireland striker Billy Hamilton, a goalscoring inspiration during the club's recent run of success.

His average mark of 8.00 from three matches put him ahead of Preston's Alex Bruce and Southend's Keith Mercer.

DIVISION THREE

Player	Games	Ave
Billy Hamilton (Burnley)	3	8.00
Alex Bruce (Preston)	4	7.75
Keith Mercer (Southend)	4	7.75
Francis Joseph (Wimbledon)	3	7.66
Grenville Millington (Chester)	3	7.66
Sean O'Driscoll (Fulham)	3	7.66
Brian Laws (Burnley)	3	7.66

David speeds to the top

FINANCE-stricken Darlington may not be one of the promotion-seekers in the Fourth Division, but at least one of their players has a trophy to come.

Their midfield player David Speedie, signed from Barnsley last season, has proved to be the division's most outstanding player during January.

His average mark of 7.80 left him well clear of the chasing group which included former winner Mark Chamberlain, the Port Vale striker.

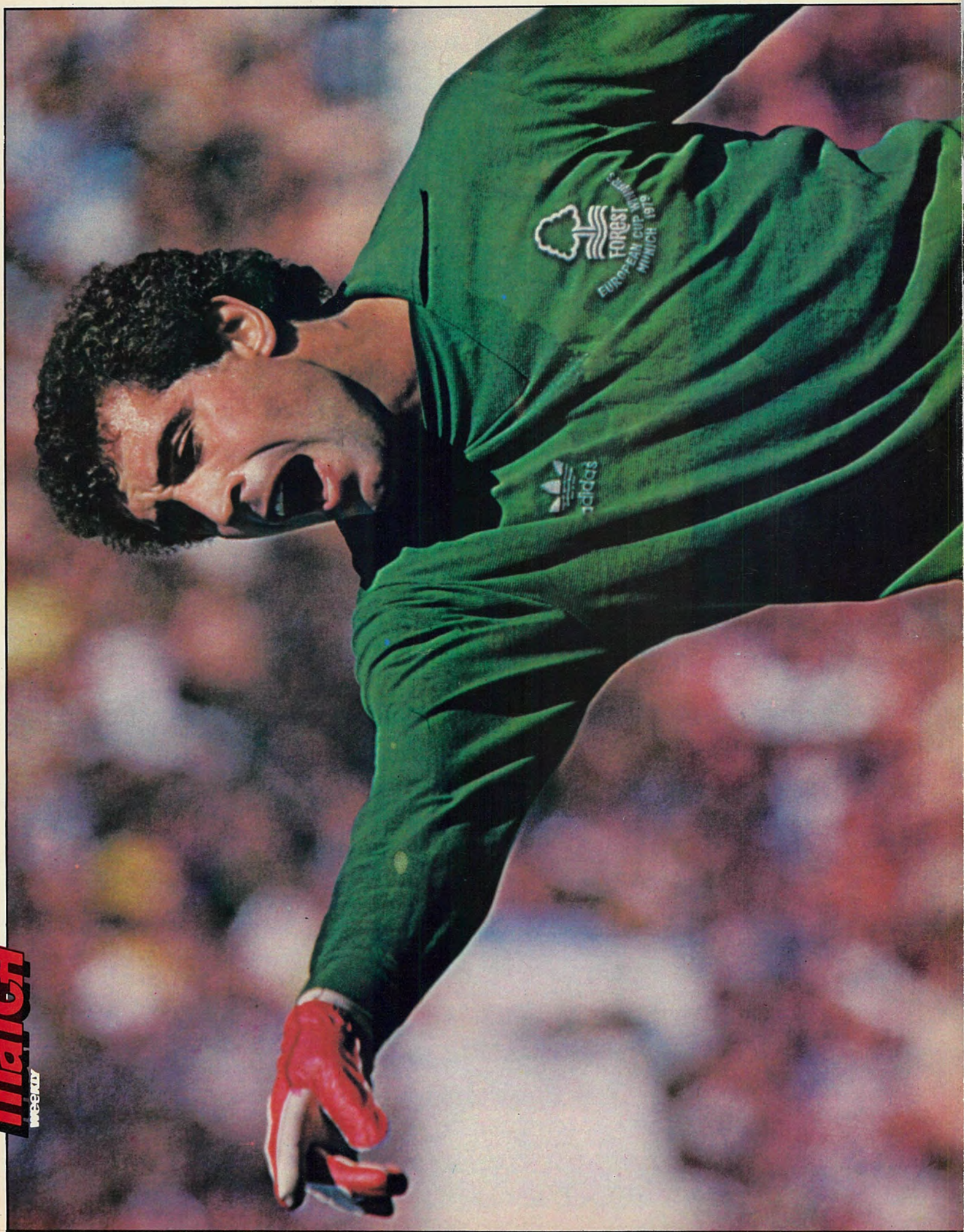
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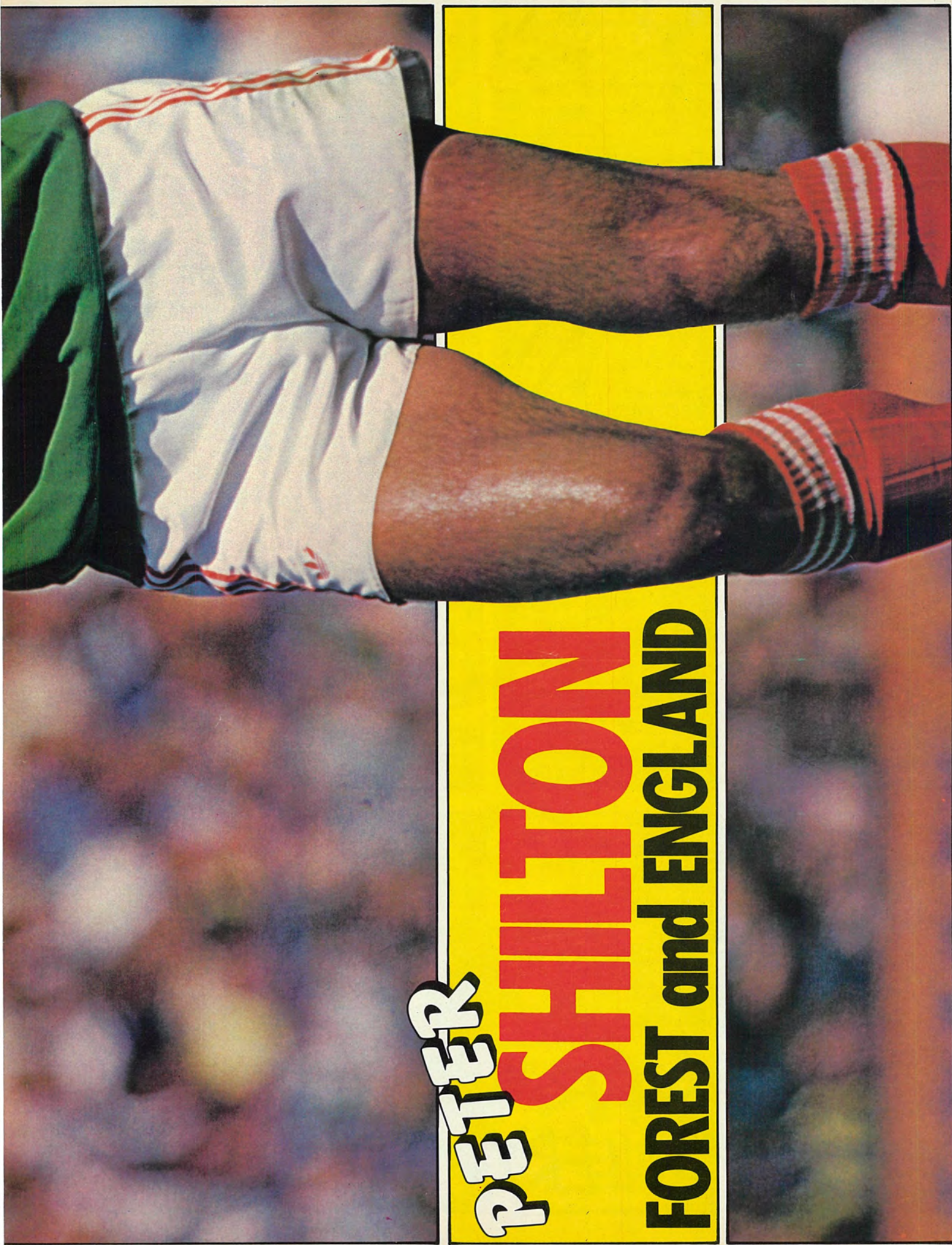
Player	Games	Ave
David Speedie (Darlington)	5	7.80
Bobby Hutchinson (Tranmere)	6	7.50
Mark Chamberlain (Port Vale)	4	7.50
Mick Poole (Rochdale)	4	7.50
Stewart Houston (Sheff United)	4	7.50
John Linacre (Hartlepool)	5	7.40



Charlton's Leroy Ambrose is the Second Division's top man.

Right: Billy Hamilton, the Northern Ireland striker, keeps the Third Division award in Burnley.





PETER

SHILTON

FOREST and ENGLAND



Coventry striker Garry Thompson gets a place in Mathew Flint's special team.

GARY GREATS!

ALTHOUGH none of my team plays for Hun-GARY, I still think this side of 'Gary's' is worth a place in the World Cup Finals! It is: GARY Bailey (Manchester United), GARY Stevens (Brighton), GARY Gillespie (Coventry), GARY Collier (Portland Timbers), GARY Chivers (Chelsea), GARY Owen (West Brom), GARRY Brooke (Tottenham), GARRY Birtles (Manchester United), GARY Bannister (Sheffield Wednesday), GARRY Thompson (Coventry), GARY Shaw (Aston Villa). **Mathew Flint, Crowland, Peterborough.**

GOLDEN GOOF

IPSWICH players love to celebrate when their new striker scores a goal.

For according to this Press cutting, the new goalscorer is a woman and that makes celebrating a lot more fun.

Of course, it should have read Mich D'Avray — their South African born replacement for England striker Paul Mariner. The goof was spotted by Graeme O'Keefe of Hartlepool, Cleveland.

First division championship challengers Ipswich took 26th minute lead through centre forward **JEAN D'AVRAY** at Middlesbrough.

French running scared

WHY are the French so scared of playing England in a friendly before the big meeting in the World Cup Finals?

My only reaction to the news that they'd pulled out of a friendly is that they are scared of us.

There's no way the game would have affected the result in Spain. In fact playing the game could have helped them in their World Cup preparations. Roy Gardner, Palmers Green, London.

Wrong to let Paddon go

NORWICH boss Ken Brown has made a big mistake in allowing one of his best players, Graham Paddon, to go on loan to Third Division Millwall.

Graham's talents are wasted at that level and I still believe he's good enough for the Carrow Road first team.

If the manager is determined to sell Graham I just hope a top club comes in for him. Michael Henderson, Ixworth, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

TWO FOR SPAIN

TWO players who should surely be in Ron Greenwood's England squad for Spain are Tommy Caton and Cyrille Regis.

Caton has been outstanding in Manchester City's defence this season and deserves a chance to show what he can do in the World Cup Finals.

And Regis is in brilliant form as West Brom's centre forward. He's playing so well, he could get into the Brazil eleven! **Richard Wood, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.**



Manchester City defender Tommy Caton — he should be packing his bags for Spain, says Richard Wood.

Bravo, Bruce

MATCH reader Stuart Hazell was wrong to say that Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar should be dropped.

It has been very difficult for Bruce to follow in the footsteps of Ray Clemence — still the world's number one goalkeeper — and considering his experience in the Liverpool first team, Bruce has done well.

If anyone is to blame for lost points this season, then it's the Liverpool back four — not Bruce. He always gives his best.

In the years to come, Bruce will prove as big an asset to Liverpool as Clemence was. **Elizabeth Jackson, New Malden, Surrey.**

SMASH HITS!

HERE are my top ten records — and the people they apply to in football!

- 1 'Land of Make Believe' — that's Spain, if Northern Ireland think they can win the World Cup.
- 2 'Don't you want me' — Tommy Docherty.
- 3 'Every little thing he does is magic' — Diego Maradona.
- 4 'Stars over 45' — that will soon apply to Alan Ball.
- 5 'O Superman' — Joe Jordan. He flies through the air.
- 6 'I just wanna' be a winner' — all of football's strugglers.
- 7 'Get down on it' — what Bruce Grobbelaar ought to do.
- 8 'Under pressure' — the Wolves defence.
- 9 'Physical' — that's the part of the game Glenn Hoddle is lacking in.
- 10 'Y Viva Espana' — good luck to all the British teams in the World Cup Finals! **Paul Curran, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, Scotland.**



Argentinian ace Diego Maradona will help the World Cup holders retain their trophy in Spain, says Martin Platt of Altrincham, Cheshire. "Diego is the best player in the world," he says.

Watford fan Duncan Swindells (12), of Watford, has chosen the Second Division's young winger John Barnes for his subject.



Steven Gudgeon, of Edmonton, London, is full of praise for England and Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Peter Shilton (left).

Burnley midfielder Martin Dobson has a loyal fan in Karen Abbott, who lives in Lancashire. "Martin is skilful, an inspiration to the younger players and a credit to the game," she says.



Red faces at Brighton

BRIGHTON must be glad to be out of this year's FA Cup after the embarrassment they have suffered in the competition this season.

Barnet held them to a 0-0 draw in the Third Round, and Brighton struggled to beat the non-leaguers in the replay.

And, of course, Third Division Oxford United slaughtered Mike Bailey's team 3-0 at the Goldstone Ground in the Fourth Round.

What would have happened if Brighton had met one of the Cup favourites! Steve Dryden, Blyth, Northumberland.

CHELSEA BAN IS A BLUNDER!

£10 WINNER

THE FA ban on Chelsea fans attending away matches is having an adverse effect. Matches involving Chelsea have still produced trouble, while the clubs involved have lost out through the sale of tickets restriction.

I am a Chelsea supporter and was present at the match against Bolton, which was the first match under the ban. Over 1,000 Chelsea fans still managed to obtain tickets.

Unfortunately, these Chelsea fans were in four different parts of the ground and this made policing very difficult. The trouble started outside

the ground when the unsegregated fans were involved in running battles with local supporters.

If this had been a normal match, the Chelsea fans would have been separated from the home crowd and escorted to and from the ground.

Second Division clubs are also counting the cost of the ban. A home match with Chelsea usually produces a bumper pay-day and the £1000 Chelsea have to pay in compensation hardly covers the loss involved.

For everyone's good, this ban must be called off. Anthony Horvath, Bolton, Lancs.



MILLS BOMB

WHY should a player think he has more chance of playing for his country if he plays for a top club rather than an unfashionable team?

During the speculation of Mick Mills' proposed move from Ipswich to Sunderland, Mills said that a transfer to Sunderland might damage his chances of a place in England's World Cup team.

Surely if Mills is good enough to play for England, then it doesn't matter which club he plays for. D Powell, Crewe, Cheshire.

Keegan cracker should have counted

KEVIN Keegan would have scored the goal of the season against Manchester United if it hadn't been for the offside rule.

His overhead effort was fantastic and it's a pity it didn't count. The shot gave the 'keeper no chance and the offside player wasn't interfering with play.

The offside rule must be changed if it stops efforts like that counting. Simon Robinson, St Columb, Cornwall.

FAN-TASTIC

JOHN Westbrook of London is wrong to say that Spurs' fans are the best in the country.

The best fans belong to unsuccessful teams like Halifax, Scunthorpe and Hartlepool. You have to be a die-hard supporter to watch a poor Fourth Division side week in, week out. And you have to suffer all the jokes aimed at your team.

Not even Liverpool or Manchester United can boast the best fans in Britain. None of them are as loyal as the supporters of the teams at the wrong end of the Football League. Brian Anderson, Spennymoor, Co Durham.

Nice one Nelson

IT'S good to see Brighton's Sammy Nelson playing as well as ever.

As an Arsenal supporter I greatly appreciated the 16 years loyal service he gave 'The Gunners'. He's an example to every youngster.

Much of his career at Highbury was spent in the reserves and yet he never complained. That's in stark contrast to many players today who slap in a transfer request as soon as they are dropped.

Kevin Lyons, Farnborough, Hants.

Don't blame the box . . .

ACCORDING to Andrew Thorpe of Birmingham, falling gates are due to too much soccer on the telly. Well, I disagree.

You wouldn't get 100,000 fans at Wembley for the FA Cup Final if that was the case. The main reasons for falling attendances are high prices, uncovered terraces and hooliganism.

And spare a thought for the disabled people who can't get to matches. They depend on TV for their football enjoyment. John Chambers, Heath Town, Wolverhampton.

Give young players a chance

GIVE youngsters a chance by staging junior games before big matches.

Junior football is very exciting and it would be a great thrill for the youngsters to play in front of a big crowd as well as providing much needed entertainment before a game.

I believe attendances would rise if my idea was implemented. Gary Charman, Aylesbury, Bucks.

FRANCIS IS JUST A GOAL-POACHER

I'M outraged that so many people think Manchester City's Trevor Francis should play for England in Spain.

All he does is wait in the penalty area and bang the ball in the net.

Ron Greenwood should pick a striker of class . . . and that's Arsenal's Alan Sunderland. Paul Mitchell, Sutton, Surrey.

IF Alan Sunderland banged the ball in the net as regularly as Trevor Francis, Arsenal would have scored more than five goals in their first eight home League matches this season. You're booked!

OUTRAGED!

OUTRAGED at something concerning soccer? Then write and tell us about it.

But be warned, you risk the wrath of the 'Match' referee who may book you or worse still send you off!

We now have a new man in charge of the notebook and pencil — Michael Weavers. And he's even more whistle-happy than our last 'ref'!

Just to soften the blow, the person who gets his marching orders wins £5 and those whose names are taken get £2.

Write to 'Outraged', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

TOP OF THE FLOPS

I AM outraged that so many footballers are trying to break into the pop scene . . . when they should be concentrating on soccer.

Justin Fashanu has just recorded a single, and he hasn't played a decent game for Nottingham Forest yet!

And Glenn Hoddle is leading the Tottenham 'choir' on their latest LP . . . and he can't manage to score from the penalty spot against Peter Shilton even though he had three attempts!

Fashanu should be out practising his

ball skills and Hoddle should be trying to shoot straight . . . then they can leave the pop scene to great bands like Human League.

Simon Okobie, Swaffham, Norfolk.

● HOW many divisions has this Human League got? And what makes you think that soccer players can't sing as well as anyone else? 'Fash' will make the top ten . . . in the hit parade and the leading goalscorers table. You're off!

A lesson from the schoolboys

I AM outraged that professional footballers expect to play only in perfect conditions.

Many schoolboy teams play in icy conditions, yet still manage to produce entertaining football.

Professionals should follow the example, adapt their play to the conditions . . . and not worry about the occasional twisted ankle.

A. Newby, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

● ROBIN Cousins and John Curry are the only people I'd pay to see play on ice. You're booked.

Saturday, Feb. 13

FA CUP, FIFTH ROUND

Coventry v Oxford
Chelsea v Liverpool
C. Palace v Orient
Leicester v Watford
QPR v Grimsby
Shrewsbury v Ipswich
Tottenham v Aston Villa
West Brom v Norwich

Arsenal v Notts Co.
Everton v Stoke
Man. C. v Brighton
West Ham v Birmingham
Wolves v Man U.

Derby v Charlton
Newcastle v Cardiff
Wrexham v Sheff W.

Bristol R. v Preston
Carlisle v Brentford
Doncaster v Chester
Gillingham v Wimbledon
Huddersld v Reading
Millwall v Exeter
Newport v Lincoln
Plymouth v Southend
Portsmouth v Chesterfield
Swindon v Burnley
Walsall v Bristol C.

Bournemouth v Stockport
Blackpool v Mansfield
Bury v Halifax
Hartlepool v Hereford
Peterboro v Darlington
Port Vale v Crewe
Sheff U. v York
Torquay v Wigan
Tranmere v Hull.

Aberdeen v Celtic
Clydebank v St Mirren
Dundee v Clyde or Meadowbank
Dundee U. v Hibernian
Hearts v Forfar
Kilmarnock or Montrose v
Cowdenbeath or Gala or St
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Rangers or Albion R. v Dumbarton

Arbroath v East Fife
Clyde v Berwick*
Cowdenbeath v Brechin*
Montrose v Stranraer*
Stirling v Meadowbank*

Sunday, Feb. 14

Aldershot v Rochdale
Bradford v Scunthorpe
Northampton v Colchester

*Subject to FA Cup ties.
(Fixtures do not include any
re-arranged matches.)

LUCKY-to-be-alive Oxford travel to Coventry in the FA Cup Fifth Round on Saturday, bidding for a giantkilling double act that would put even Watford's exploits in the shade.

A cash crisis nearly threatened to sound the Third Division club's death knell and they were only saved from liquidation by the intervention of millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell.

But his investment proved well-founded when Oxford provided the shock of the last round with a 3-0 victory away at First Division Brighton.

And now Oxford travel to First Division also-rans Coventry looking to further repay their benevolent benefactor.

A repeat of their seaside sensation at Highfield Road on Saturday is the stuff dreams are made of.

But nothing would surprise me now in this season of Cup upsets and I'm backing the city better known for its rowing exploits than its football to witness yet another winning pay day.

Coventry fans will, no doubt, scoff at my prediction. Indeed when the draw for the Fifth Round was made

many will have said: "This could be our year."

But as Brighton fans well testify, League form counts for nothing in the Cup!

And the 'Seagulls' did beat Coventry 1-0 in the League at Highfield Road a week ago last Saturday.

The warning signs are there: Coventry beware!

Meanwhile the wonders of Watford travel to fellow Second Division side Leicester.

And despite the feeling that the Filbert Street side may provide Elton John's rocket men with an even tougher test than their earlier opponents Manchester United and West Ham, I believe it's a test they will pass.

I've predicted scorelines for ten of Saturday's Cup ties — including four

in Scotland — and the challenge is beat me if you can.

My special guest opponent this week is Match reader Chris Walters of Roby, Liverpool, and you can see his forecasts alongside mine in the special panel.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and if Chris manages to score more points than me he wins £5.

● The icy weather played havoc with the predictions game in the December 19, December 26, January 9 and January 16 issues, but here's a round-up of how my guest opponents have been faring . . .

Congratulations to Adrian Landers of Evenington, Leicester, who beat me nine points to eight on January 2 and also to Vincent Barrett of Sutton, Surrey, who beat me 6-5 on January 23. Both win £5.

Bad luck to Alastair Elliott of Haltwhistle, Northumberland, who lost 11 points to four on December 12 and Paul Wilson of Waltham Abbey, Essex, who lost 6-5 on January 30.



If you can prove you're a better soccer tipster than me, you win £5! In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches. Next to it is my opponent's predictions. There's a space for your forecast and a column for the actual result.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong. Carry your points total forward each week.



Pictured above is my special guest opponent this week — 16-year-old Chris Walters of Roby, Liverpool. Chris is an Everton fan and his favourite player is Graeme Sharp.

MATCH Saturday, Feb. 13

MY FORECAST

GUESTS FORECAST

YOUR FORECAST

RESULT

Coventry v Oxford

1-2

1-0

Leicester v Watford

0-2

2-2

QPR v Grimsby

3-1

3-0

Shrewsbury v Ipswich

0-2

1-2

Spurs v Aston Villa

2-0

3-1

West Brom v Norwich

3-2

2-1

Aberdeen v Celtic

1-2

1-1

Clydebank v St Mirren

1-1

0-0

Dundee U. v Hibernian

1-0

2-0

Hearts v Forfar

4-0

3-0

POINTS SCORED

PAUL

YOURSELF

PAUL

YOURSELF

THE RECORD BREAKERS

Match takes a look at the major First Division League records and the likelihood that any of them will be broken this season. And we seek the views of striker John Richards with his team, Wolves, on course for one of the most unenviable records of them all . . .

STARVING WOLVES

MAJOR FIRST DIVISION RECORDS

Most goals in season: Aston Villa, 128, 1930-31.
Fewest goals in season: Leicester, 26, 1977-78.
Most goals against in season: Blackpool, 125, 1930-31.
Fewest goals against in season: Liverpool, 16, 1978-79.
Most points in season: Liverpool, 68, 1978-79.
Most wins in season: Spurs, 31, 1960-61.
Fewest wins in season: Stoke, 3 (22 games), 1889-90.
Most defeats in season: Leeds (1946-47) and Blackburn (1965-66), 30.
Fewest defeats in season: Preston, 0 (22 games), 1888-89.
Most draws in season: Norwich, 23, 1978-79.

Wanderers could set a record for poor scoring

LUCKLESS Wolves are on course to write themselves into the record books this season.

But it's not an achievement for which they would want to be remembered . . .

After 21 League matches, Wolves found themselves with just 13 goals to their credit — the First Division's lowest scoring team.

And unless their forwards rediscover their goal touch in the second half on the season, the 'Wanderers' risk setting a record low in hitting the net.

Second Division Leicester currently hold the record for the fewest goals scored in a season in Division One.

They managed only 26 when they were relegated four years ago in season 1977-78.

And their joint top scorers that season were Geoff Salmons (now with Chesterfield) and Roger Davies. Each of them scored four goals!

That same season Wolves managed to score 51 goals despite finishing only fifteenth in the First Division.

The following season they scored 44 and, in season 1979-80, they finished with 58 goals. Last season they managed 43 despite finishing eighteenth in the table.

So what's gone wrong this season? Match Weekly put the question to striker John Richards — Wolves top scorer in each of the last four seasons, but with only one goal to his credit and after 13 League appearances this season.

"Basically, it's because we haven't been creating enough as a team," said John.

"We just haven't created chances like we have done in previous seasons. We are woefully short of First Division class players.

"The squad has just degenerated over the years without being strengthened and, although we have some good youngsters coming through, something needs to be done now.

"What we really need is a couple of new faces to give us some flair and stability. Of course, finding the money is another matter.

"It's been a disappointing season for me personally from a goal point of view and, of course, I had a few problems early on when I was left out of the side.

Wolves striker John Richards "We just haven't created chances like we have done in previous seasons."

"As you may remember, I was nearly transferred to Birmingham at one stage, but everyone gave the impression that the move was definitely going ahead without really discussing it with me.

"For my own part, I wanted to stay at Molineux.

"Since I've been back in the side I've been quite pleased with my form — goals apart.

"It's not that the players aren't trying, it's just that things haven't been up to the required standard.

"As for the future, it's difficult to say. It depends who takes over as manager and whether he's given freedom to buy new players.

"The sooner something is sorted out the better it will be for everyone because it doesn't help to be in a managerless situation."

As for the rest of the First Division records, most of them look pretty safe.

The one in most danger is Liverpool's record points total for a season — 68 in season 1978-79.

With three points for a win this season it was almost sure to go and with title favourites Ipswich on 38 points after 19 matches, it's almost inevitable a new name will go into the record books.

Ipswich could beat Spurs' record 31 First Division victories set up in their double-winning season of 1960-61, but it would take a remarkable effort.

And even bottom club Middlesbrough would need an unbelievably disastrous second half to the season to finish worse off than Leeds did in season 1946-47 when they collected just 18 points and were defeated no less than 30 times.

NEXT WEEK: A look at the records in Division Two.

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GRATEFUL GREGORZ!

POLAND'S evergreen striker Gregorz Lato is hoping for a memorable climax to his international career in Spain in spite of all his country's political problems.

Only recently he received more than £140 from his team mates at Belgian club Lokeren to help his family buy food and supplies back in Poland.

"It is absolutely fantastic. I'm lost for the right words," he said.

And to show his gratitude he is hoping to blast Poland through to another fine World Cup showing with his dynamic running and powerful shooting from the right wing.

This will be his third appearance in the World Cup Finals, and, at 32, probably his last.



Muller may miss Finals

WEST German midfield star Hansi Muller could miss the World Cup Finals through injury.

He has returned to serious training following a knee operation, but there are fears that he could face further surgery which would almost certainly rule him out of Spain.

Meanwhile, experienced full back Manny Kaltz has got one of Franz Beckenbauer's records in sight.

He has been an ever-present in Jupp Derwall's reign as West German team manager with a run of 43 games... only 17 less than Franz's record.

Czechs held!

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, one of England's opponents in the World Cup Finals, were held to a 1-1 draw in Mexico by club side America FC.

Meanwhile, Greece, who will meet England in the European Championship home by Portugal in a friendly international in Athens.

WORLD CUP

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Scrapbook

17 WEEKS TO GO...

Platini's final push

MICHEL Platini, who could prove a thorn in England's side when they face France in the opening World Cup clash in Bilbao, is hoping to push his name into the record books during the Spanish Finals.

The St-Etienne star needs only a handful of goals to emulate the great Just Fontaine's total of 27 at national team level.

Diego's double

ARGENTINA star Diego Maradona showed Japanese fans his potential with two goals for his club side Boca Juniors in the 3-2 defeat of Japan in Kobe.

Russia get ready

RUSSIA, one of Scotland's opponents in the World Cup Finals in Spain are to play 15 national and club sides in Europe and Latin America as part of their build-up.

Hope for Honduras

HONDURAS skipper Ramon Maradiaga admits his team is going to Spain only to learn.

But he secretly hopes the team's physical fitness and energy may get them some good results in the sunshine against Northern Ireland, Spain and Yugoslavia. "We can only play a modest role and we have to accept it is a chance to learn... but the summer temperatures could be an important factor in our favour. We are used to them and most of the Europeans are not," he says.

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**So-slick Ipswich leave
Luton chasing shadows**

**ERIC GATES
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WHEN Ipswich put their motor into top gear, then it's no wonder their smooth, quality football is so admired by soccer purists up and down the country.

That Rolls Royce style was never better illustrated than with Eric Gates' 71st minute goal which effectively ended the FA Cup ambitions of Second Division leaders Luton.

It was an intricately-built move that swept back and forth across the Kenilworth Road pitch with such accuracy and efficiency that Luton were left chasing shadows.

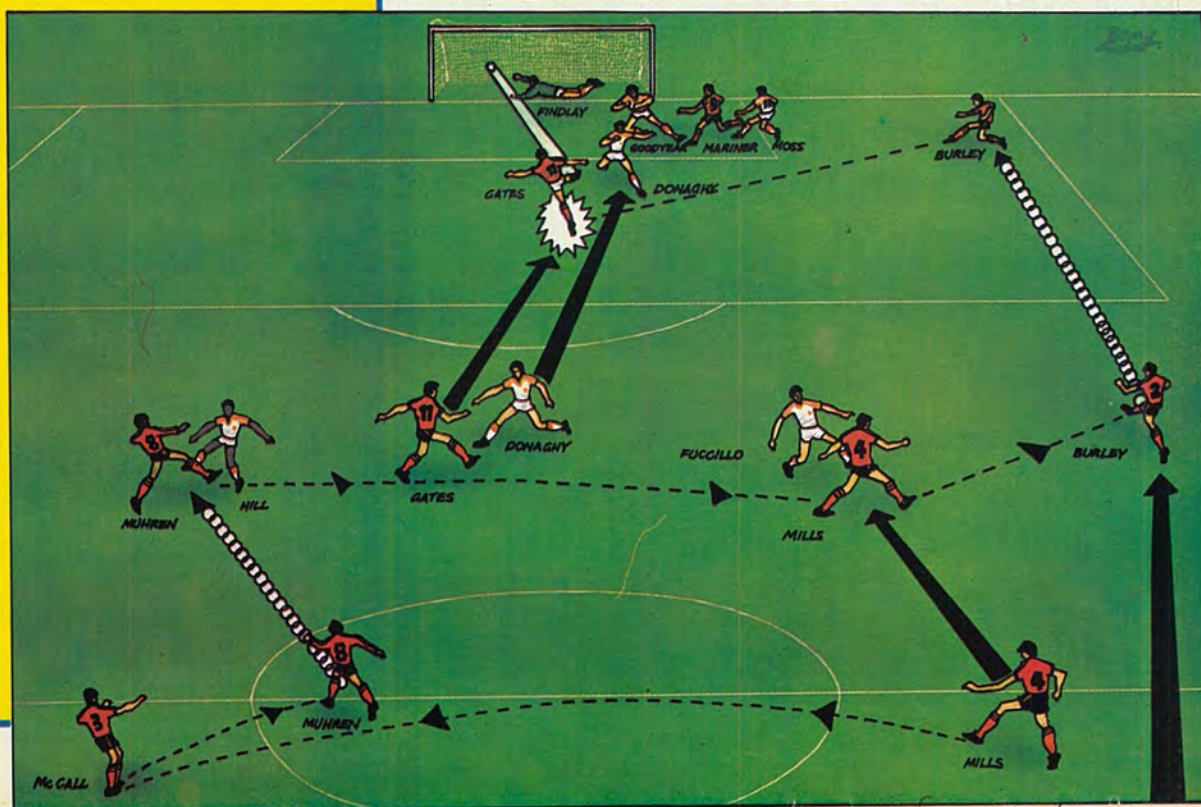
Mick Mills and George Burley set the move in motion on the right with a quick interchange of passes before the England full-back switched the direction of play with a lateral ball that brought Steve McCall and Arnold Muhren into the picture.

Gates and then Mills linked up again in midfield as Muhren threaded the ball square before the overlapping Burley romped into the acres of space on the right to leave the bemused Luton defenders completely flat-footed with his low cross.

And there was Gates, having run intelligently into the area, to calmly stroke the ball past the diving Jake Findlay.



GOLDEN GOAL



WIGAN'S record £65,000 signing Eamon O'Keefe is pictured with his new manager, Larry Lloyd.



Division One drop-out

Everton ace chooses life with Wigan

JUST over two months ago, Eire international winger Eamon O'Keefe was the hero of Goodison Park with two goals in Everton's 3-1 defeat of Swansea.

In dramatic contrast, his next League outing was in the Fourth Division with Wigan Athletic before a crowd of less than 2,000 away to basement club Northampton.

His record £65,000 move from the First Division giants to the unfashionable surroundings of Wigan ranks as one of the more surprising transfers of the season.

Although Eamon still regards himself as a First Division player, he has no regrets about dropping down the League ladder to virtually the bottom rung after two years at the top.

And, surprisingly, he has nothing but praise for new Everton manager Howard Kendall despite being a victim of his drastic rebuilding policy.

"I was one of five players dropped after the League Cup home defeat by Ipswich, and I went to see the boss about my future," says Eamon, who was signed from non-League Mossley for £25,000 in November 1979.

"I felt a little harshly treated. Having scored two goals on the Saturday, I thought I might be given at least one more chance.

"The manager appealed to me to be patient, but he also appreciated that I was at the stage of my career when I needed regular first team football.

"If I had been 18 or 19, I could probably have afforded to hang around the club in the hope that a First or Second Division club might move in with an offer.

"But being in my twenties, I couldn't wait. Being in and out of the team was no good to me.

"Howard Kendall had been brilliant to me since he joined the club at the start of the season, and I'm convinced he will

get the club back on the right road.

"He's bringing in a lot of talented youngsters, and, although I have had to make way for them, I'm sure he'll get it right in the end."

Now Eamon, capped once by the Republic of Ireland, has to reconcile himself with life in the Fourth Division where the likes of Anfield and Goodison seem as distant as the moon.

But he's relishing the challenge presented by the League's youngest club who were one of his major rivals in the Northern Premier League when he

played for Mossley.

"It's not as if I've joined a strange club because I know quite a lot of people here from my non-League days," says Eamon who made 37 First Division appearances in his two-year spell on Merseyside.

"I know it seems a long drop for me, but it won't hurt as much as if I had been in the First Division all my life.

"I shall miss the First Division atmosphere, but I also had plenty of good times as a non-League player. At least nobody can take away my two years in the First Division."

Now Eamon, who was wanted by Wigan when he was given his League chance by Everton, wants to help Larry Lloyd's side into at least the Second Division before his contract expires in three and a half years time.

"Everyone connected with Wigan wants them to do well and it would be great if I could go through the divisions with them," says Eamon who scored on his debut for the club in the 3-2 win over Northampton.

"Like any professional, I love a challenge, and it would be nice to think that during the next three years I could probably help them into the Second Division at least."

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Paddon's life with the Lions

NORWICH midfielder player Graham Paddon is staying on loan to Third Division Millwall for a second month.

And that's good news for the Londoners with player-manager Peter Anderson currently out of action with a knee injury.

Scunthorpe's biggest gate

SCUNTHORPE, struggling near the bottom of the Fourth Division, had their biggest crowd of the season for a friendly against Nottingham Forest.

A crowd of 4,129 saw them draw 2-2 with player-manager John Duncan heading a last minute equaliser after Ian Wallace and Mark Proctor had put Forest two-up.

Malcolm Partridge scored Scunthorpe's other goal.

HANDY ANDY

YOUNG Andy Flounders left Torquay floundering with a debut match winner for Hull.

The youngster celebrated his Fourth Division debut with the only goal to continue Hull's revival.

LOL RETIRES

LOL Hamlett, who has been a player, trainer and physiotherapist with Fourth Division Port Vale for more than thirty years, is to retire at the end of the season.

McGARVEY'S MISERY

CELTIC ACE HAS PAINFUL MEMORIES

On the eve of Celtic's Scottish Cup Fourth Round clash with Aberdeen, Match reporter Anthony Hawkswell talks to Celtic hot-shot Frank McGarvey who, despite fast making a reputation for himself as one of Scotland's deadliest strikers, reveals he's still haunted by his attempt to make the grade south of the border . . .

CELTIC striker Frank McGarvey is still rebuilding his confidence after his 'shattering' year at Liverpool.

Frank has been back in Scotland for nearly two years, but says that he's still not completely recovered from his spell with the European champions.

Even his 29 goals last season and 14 this campaign haven't erased the memory of a year without a single League outing in England.

"It completely shattered my confidence. I still haven't got over it yet," said the former Scottish international, who joined Bob Paisley's men from St Mirren at the beginning of the 1979-80 season.

"Nothing happened to me for a whole year. I just trained week in week out without getting a chance of a place in the first team.

"I suppose I could have been more patient. I regret not waiting a little longer, but at the time I was in a rut and couldn't see any other way out.

"There was no way the manager was going to change the team because they finished up as champions and striker David Johnson was the League's top scorer."

Frank moved to Parkhead at the beginning of last season and began his rehabilitation by helping the Scottish giants lift the Premier Division title. This year, his goals are pushing them towards the League and Cup double.

But the Scottish Cup draw has dealt them a harsh blow in their quest for the double as they've been paired with Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

Even though Celtic have won all three of their League meetings with Aberdeen this season, Frank isn't underestimating the task ahead of his team.

"They seem to have lost their way in the League since they were knocked out of the UEFA Cup by Hamburg, but it's still a very difficult draw for us.

"Their strikers have let them down this season. They aren't scoring the goals. Players like Gordon Strachan just haven't been able to reproduce the form of last season.

"But one player who's doing as well as ever is their keeper Jim Leighton. He's a player I've always admired. He's so difficult to beat," said Frank.

"There's always a great atmosphere at Pittodrie and I love playing there. You always know you're in for a great game. And I'd



Aberdeen keeper Jim Leighton. He blocks Celtic's passage to the last eight of the Scottish Cup.

rather meet them in the Cup than lesser teams like Queen of the South and Stenhousemuir."

The emergence of clubs like Aberdeen and Dundee United to challenge Glasgow giants Celtic and Rangers has opened up Scottish football.

"A couple of years ago it was just the big two teams — ourselves and Rangers — dominating the game. Now there are four clubs battling for the honours and that can only be good for the game," said Frank.

"It creates more interest and means bigger crowds. It's much more competitive now."

Frank believes that he's playing some of the best football of his career, but accepts that he's got virtually no chance of adding to his two full Scottish caps or making the trip to the World Cup Finals in Spain.

"I'd love to play for Scotland again, but I just can't see it happening even though I'm scoring a lot of goals.

"If I'd scored them in the English First Division I'd be Scotland's number one striker now. Playing in Scotland, you don't get much chance of international recognition," he added.



Celtic striker Frank McGarvey — still recovering from a 'shattering' year at Liverpool.

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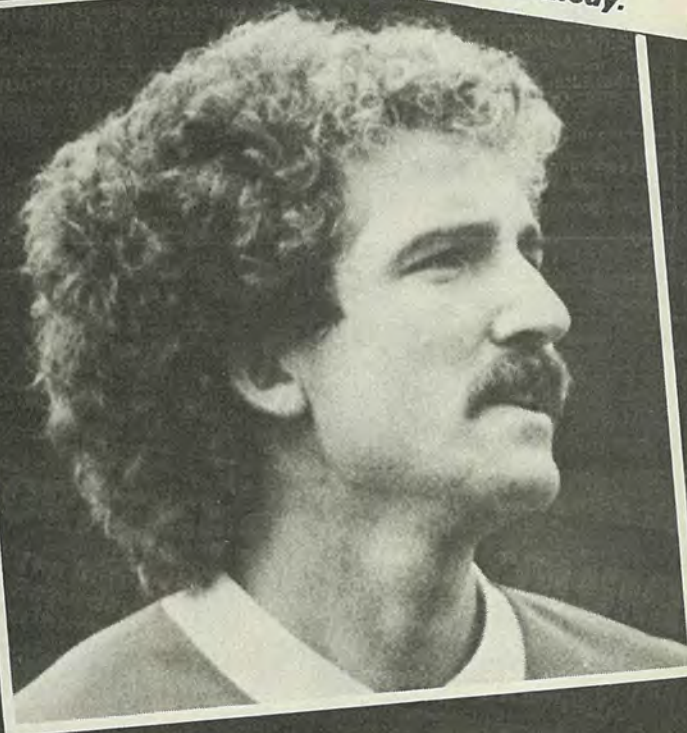
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Chelsea's ground isn't on our list of favourites because we always seem to struggle there.

Phil Neal, Alan Hansen, Phil Thompson, Kenny Dalglish and David Johnson are the only survivors of the Liverpool side that played in the famous FA Cup upset of 1978 when they beat us 4-2.

But it's a game I'll always remember because I moved to Anfield from Middlesbrough a week later.

With that defeat in mind, I have to admit that I was hoping Wrexham would win the Fourth Round replay with Chelsea.

The Racecourse Ground would have been much easier for us because it's only half an hour away from Liverpool. That means a lot more of our supporters would have made the trip.

I don't know much about the young Chelsea side. In fact the only players I've come up against before are their skipper Micky Droy and full-back Graham Wilkins.

But I do know a bit about their manager John Neal. I played under him at Middlesbrough before I moved to Liverpool.

This year's FA Cup has been full of shocks and whoever gets through this round must fancy their chances of going all the way — even Second Division clubs.

My best wishes go to my old team-mate Ray Kennedy (below), who's joined Swansea after eight medal-winning years at Anfield.

On the Anfield scene I was sad to see my old team-mate Ray Kennedy leave the club after nearly eight years and join John Toshack at Swansea.

It wasn't a matter of the club wanting to sell Ray. He felt that he needed a new challenge after winning so much with Liverpool.

Ray is a player I really admire and he's a shining example to any youngster who's ever suffered a set back.

At 15-years-old he was told by the legendary Sir Stanley Matthews that he wasn't good enough to make the grade and was shown the door by Port Vale.

He proved him wrong by joining Arsenal and helping them to win the double in 1970-71.

Since his move to Liverpool he's won every club honour in the game except a European Cup



Full-back Graham Wilkins — one of only two Chelsea players I've played against.

Haunted by Stamford Bridge

Rush and Sammy Lee.

It's not easy breaking into a team that's going through a bad patch, but they did it and have emerged with great credit.

Welsh international Ian Rush has been particularly impressive in front of goal and before our First Division game against title rivals Ipswich at Anfield, he'd netted 16 times this season.

He was on the mark after just three minutes in our 3-0 revenge win over Aston Villa at Villa Park recently.

It was good to beat the League champions because they won our last meeting at their place 2-0. But the win wasn't as easy as the scoreline suggests.

I don't think I've played against a Villa side that fought so hard. We were fortunate to get an early goal and that gave them an uphill battle from the start.

On the international front Scotland continue their World Cup preparations with an important game in Spain on February 24.

It will give us an idea of what to expect in the Finals and I'm really looking forward to the match. I've never played an international in Spain before.

I believe that Jock Stein could include a couple of new faces in his squad. He could bring in a few players who've been on the brink of international honours this season.

Barring injury, Jock knows the nucleus of the squad that will take part in the World Cup Finals, but there are still places available for players who shine between now and the end of the season.

See you in a fortnight.

Winners Cup medal.

There's no substitute for experience and I'm sure he'll do a good job at The Vetch Field. Swansea have some very good players who could respond to his guiding influence.

Ray scored some great goals in his Liverpool career, but the one I'll always remember came last season in the Semi-Final of the European Cup against Bayern Munich.

We'd drawn the first leg 0-0 at home and were struggling in West Germany when he popped up to send us to the final with a glorious volley.

On the playing side Liverpool seem to be firing on all cylinders again and much of the credit must go to the newcomers who've established themselves in the team this season — Bruce Grobbelaar, Ronnie Whelan, Ian

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



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Gary's still glittering



Gary Bailey in typical action for Manchester United — seen here duelling for a high ball with Coventry's Gary Gillespie.

THE race is on to find Match Weekly's 'Top Stopper' — the goalkeeper with the safest hands in soccer. We've compiled exclusive tables — so popular with the fans last season — which show you who is performing best between the posts this term.

GARY Bailey's hopes of a place in England's World Cup party are boosted by the fact that the Manchester United goalkeeper still figures as the First Division's 'Top Stopper'.

The England Under-21 and 'B' international goalkeeper had conceded only 12 goals in 19 League appearances up to the end of January, as United continued their push for First Division honours.

That's an impressive average of only one goal conceded every 143 minutes.

Gary, who lifted the First Division crown last season, leads the way from Arsenal's Pat Jennings, who, unlike his young rival, is already booked for the World Cup Finals with Northern Ireland.

Then comes the South Coast pair of Brighton's Graham Moseley and Southampton's Ivan Katalinic, whose sides are enjoying considerable success in the First Division this term.

Gary Bailey is the overall leader in the country — counting all four English divisions — with two sharing second place.

They are Chesterfield's John Turner and Sheffield United's Keith Waugh, while Crystal Palace's Paul Barron is still leading the way in the Second Division.

The first column after the keeper's name in the table shows the number of League games each goalkeeper has played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column the average number of minutes play between each goal.

For instance, Ipswich's Paul Cooper conceded, on average, one goal every 66 minutes during his 19 League matches.

Division One

	Games	Gls	Mins per goal
1 Gary Bailey (Man. United)	19	12	143
2 Pat Jennings (Arsenal)	16	12	120
3 Graham Moseley (Brighton)	21	16	118
4 Ivan Katalinic (Southampton)	12	10	108
5 Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool)	21	20	95
6 Ray Clemence (Tottenham)	19	20	86
7 Joe Corrigan (Man. City)	21	24	79
8 Tony Godden (West Brom)	12	14	77
9 Peter Shilton (Nott'm Forest)	21	26	73
10 Phil Parkes (West Ham)	17	22	70
10 Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	21	27	70
12 Paul Cooper (Ipswich)	19	26	66
13 Jim Arnold (Everton)	16	22	65
14 Peter Fox (Stoke)	20	29	62
15 Paul Bradshaw (Wolves)	21	31	61
16 Dai Davies (Swansea)	22	33	60
17 Jim Platt (Middlesbrough)	20	31	58
18 Barry Siddall (Sunderland)	17	27	57
19 Jeff Wealands (Birmingham)	13	21	56
20 John Lukic (Leeds)	20	33	55
21 Raddy Avramovic (Notts County)	21	36	53
22 Jim Blyth (Coventry)	23	40	52

Two

1 Paul Barron (C. Palace)	20	16	113
2 Jake Findlay (Luton)	15	14	96
3 John Burridge (Q.P.R.)	20	19	95
4 Terry Gennoe (Blackburn)	25	24	94
5 Peter McDonnell (Oldham)	25	26	87
6 Bobby Horn (Barnsley)	21	22	86

Three

1 John Turner (Chesterfield)	22	15	132
2 Martin Thomas (Bristol R)	12	11	98
3 Ron Green (Walsall)	22	22	90
4 Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle)	20	21	86
5 David McKellar (Brentford)	23	25	83
5 Gerry Peyton (Fulham)	22	24	83

Four

1 Keith Waugh (Sheff. United)	22	15	132
2 Ian Leigh (Bournemouth)	13	10	117
3 Neil Freeman (Peterborough)	17	16	96
3 Iain Hesford (Blackpool)	16	15	96
5 Scott Endersby (Tranmere)	21	20	95
6 Mark Harrison (Port Vale)	23	24	86

Scottish Premier

1 Jim McArthur (Hibernian)	19	16	107
2 Hamish McAlpine (Dundee Utd)	14	13	97
3 Pat Bonner (Celtic)	17	17	90
3 Jim Stewart (Rangers)	11	11	90
5 Billy Thomson (St Mirren)	17	19	81

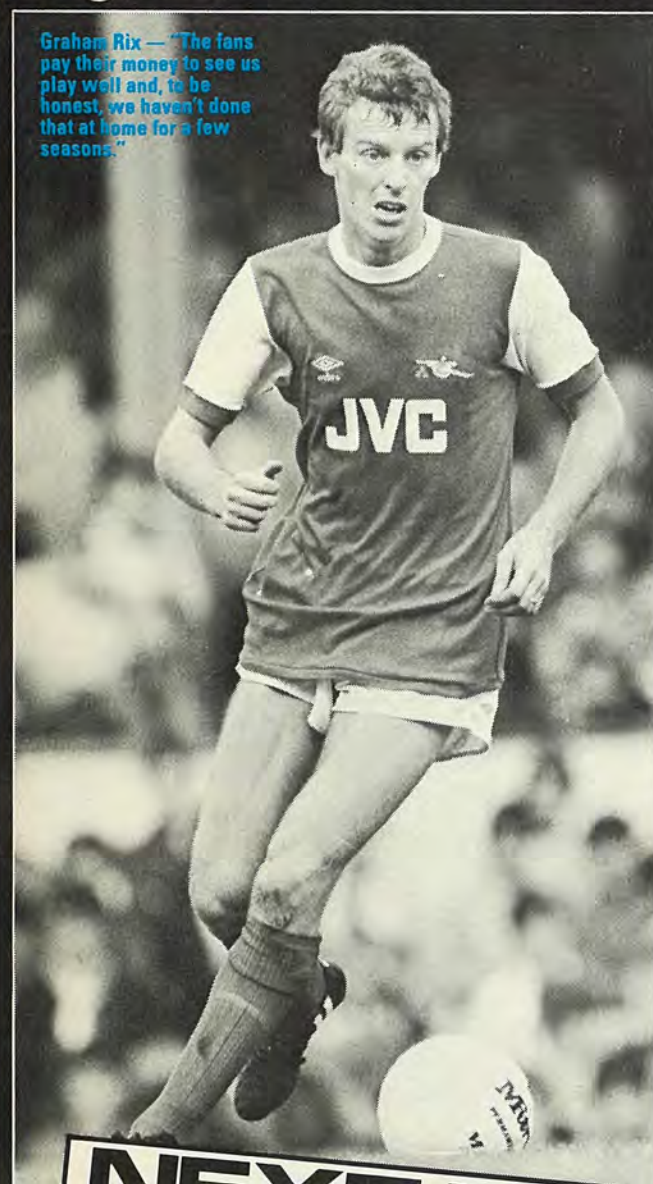
● (Tables compiled from League matches up to an including those played on January 31. In England, only goalkeepers who have played at least 12 games qualify and in Scotland we include only those 'keepers who have made at least ten appearances.)

Arsenal have come in for mounting criticism this season as their fans have watched them fall by the wayside in the race for honours. Here 'Gunner' Graham Rix talks frankly to Match reporter Melvyn Beck about the problems at Highbury and what he feels is needed to put things right.

LET~DOWN

says Arsenal's Graham Rix

Graham Rix — "The fans pay their money to see us play well and, to be honest, we haven't done that at home for a few seasons."



ARSENAL'S Graham Rix is refreshingly honest when he searches for reasons behind the London giants' unusual absence from the race for League and Cup honours.

After the goalless home draw with Brighton, which attracted only 17,000 fans, the England midfielder admitted:

"You've got to win your home matches if you are to do well, and with all due respect to Brighton, they are a team we should expect to beat at home."

"The fans come and pay their money to see us play well, and to be honest we haven't done that at home for a few seasons."

Out of the cups and struggling to achieve a place in Europe next season, the very bastion of English football is now reeling from falling gates and rising criticism from frustrated fans.

Arsenal managed only six goals in their first nine League matches at Highbury — a depressing record that prompted attacks about the failure to replace transferred Republic of Ireland striker Frank Stapleton and the rigidly applied 4-4-2 playing system.

Manager Terry Neill has resisted the temptation to rejoin the million pound stakes, and, after several unsuccessful permutations, has pushed Graham into a firing line role alongside Alan Sunderland.

And the new striker has sympathy with the Highbury faithful who have come to expect Arsenal to be among the country's elite.

"It's obvious we are missing Frank Stapleton, but his contract was up, and you can't blame him for moving," says Graham.

"But even when Frank was here, we never performed consistently well at home."

"It's easy for fans to urge the club to spend millions on players, but I do feel we need at least a couple of quality men to put us back among the front runners again."

"You can probably get away with a

4-4-2 policy away from home with only two front players, but at home I believe we need more up front."

"It's more and more difficult now to break down teams who play with six or seven defenders for most of the match."

"We're all right if we can score in the first 15 to 20 minutes, but after that everyone in the ground gets edgy."

But Graham doesn't subscribe to coach Don Howe's public view that Arsenal are not championship material this season.

"There is still a long way to go, and with three points for a win, the picture can soon change with two or three wins on the trot," he says.

"But I admit that while top teams like Ipswich keep winning, then it makes it all that more difficult to close the gap."

"All we've got left to fight for this season is a place in Europe. That is our aim every season because the fans have come to expect us to be in Europe every year."

Arsenal's problems couldn't have come at a worse time for Graham and his full-back colleague Kenny Sansom who hope to be included in England's World Cup squad.

Graham admits that he doesn't enjoy his free forward role as much as playing in midfield, but refuses to accept that it might affect his chances of a recall to the England squad.

"I don't enjoy playing with my back to goal. I know I've got a freer role without any defensive responsibilities, but I don't think that will have any bearing on Ron Greenwood's thinking."

"It's up to myself and Kenny to keep playing as well as we can no matter how the team performs or where we play."

Graham collected three England caps last season, but was then left out of the later World Cup squads, much to his surprise.

"I felt I was playing better when I was dropped from the squads than when I was actually selected last season," he says.

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BACK ROW (left to right): Roy Burton, Steve Foyster,
MIDDLE ROW: Roy Barry (Assistant Manager), Peter Foley, Gary Briggs, David Fogg, Malcolm Shotton, Paul Berry,
Tim Smithers, Ian Greaves (Manager),
FRONT ROW: Keith Cassells, Malcolm Page, John Doyle, Billy Jeffrey (captain), Mark Jones, Jason Seacole, Kevin
Brock. INSET: Andy Thomas.